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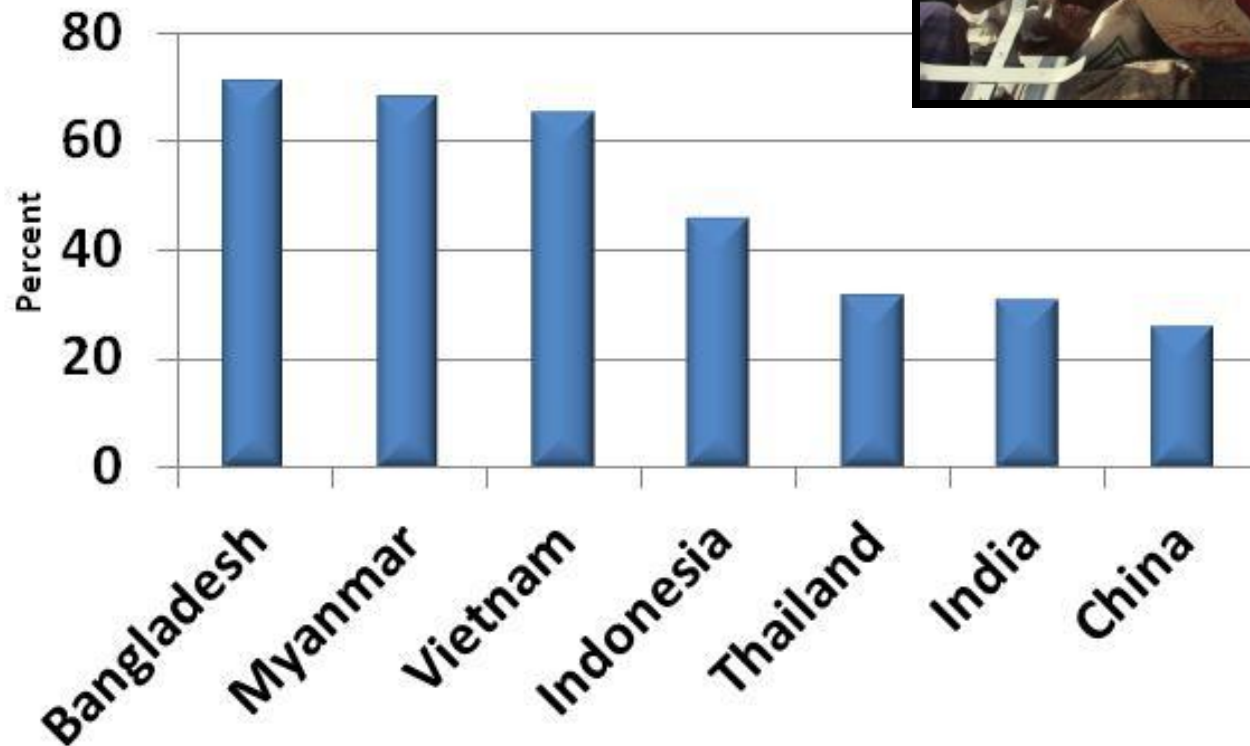
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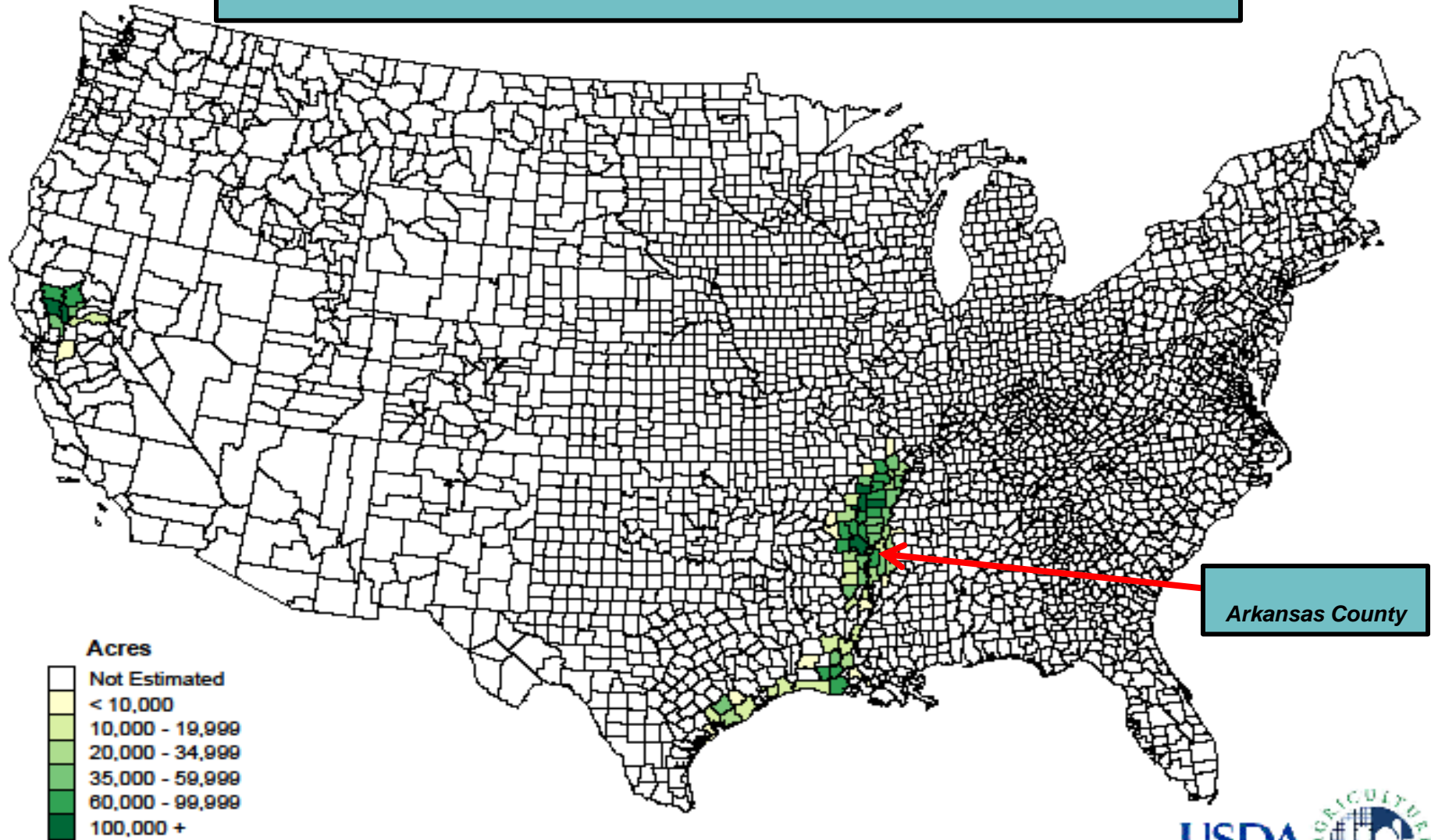
Rice Is Produced All Over the World



Percent of Daily Calorie Consumption Coming From Rice



Where Rice is Produced in the United States



Arkansas is Famous for Its Rice Production



DBNRRC is Responsible for Maintaining the USDA Rice World Collection – 18,000+ Cultivars From Around the World



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National Plant Germplasm System

NPGS is a cooperative effort by public (State and Federal) and private organizations to preserve the genetic diversity of plants.

The world's food supply is based on intensive agriculture, which relies on genetic uniformity. But this uniformity increases crop vulnerability to pests and stresses.



Scientists must have access to genetic diversity to help bring forth new varieties that can resist pests, diseases, and environmental stresses. The NPGS aids the scientists and the need for genetic diversity by:

- acquiring crop germplasm
- preserving crop germplasm
- evaluating crop germplasm
- documenting crop germplasm
- distributing crop germplasm



Agronomic Characterization of USDA World Rice Collection



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Most Commercial Rice Varieties Have Brown Colored Bran but There are Other Bran Colors in the World

Collection



**Seed of the World Rice
Collection is Produced and
Distributed to National and
International Researchers**



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Rondo a rice variety developed by USDA ARS has resistance to all biotypes of blast disease found in the USA.

The background of the slide features a close-up photograph of several rice leaves. The top two leaves are healthy and green. The bottom two leaves show significant damage from blast disease, with large, irregular, light-brown necrotic lesions that have eaten away at the leaf tissue, leaving a ragged appearance.

New Sources of Blast Disease Resistance Have Been Found in the World Rice Collection

Rondo

Francis

Straighthead is a physiological disease that causes the seedhead to be sterile



**USA Cultivar
Cocodrie - Susceptible**



**Jing 185 Cultivar from
China - Resistant**

Genetic Stocks *Oryza* (GSOR) Collection

A collection of over 36,000 rice accessions used in genetic studies.

Gold leaf mutant



Mapping population



Mutant
has gene
for extra
set of
hulls.



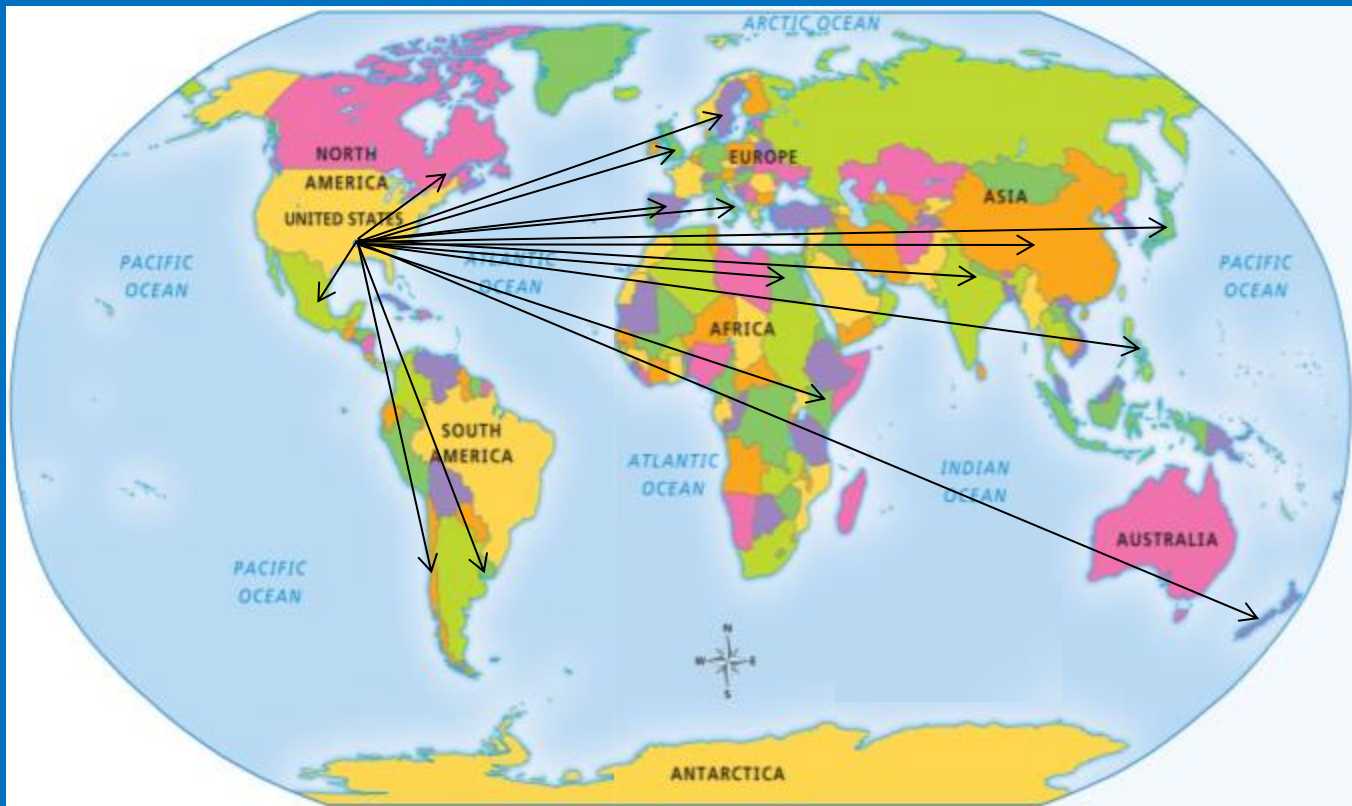
Mutant
has gene
for
clustered
spikelet.

Core Collection

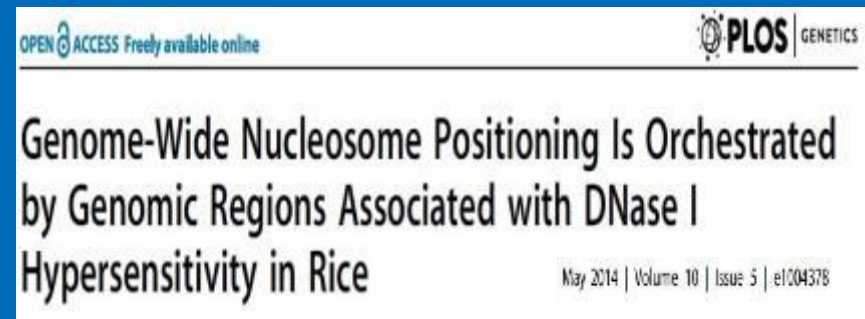
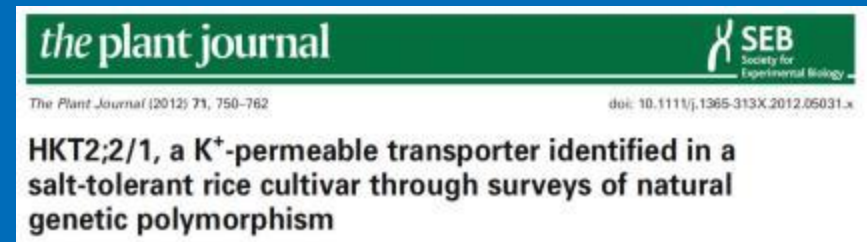
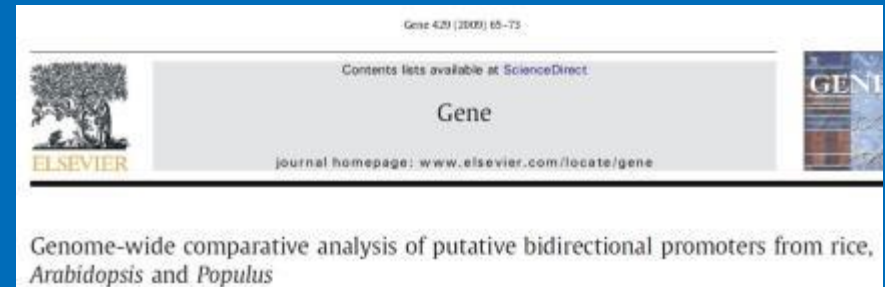
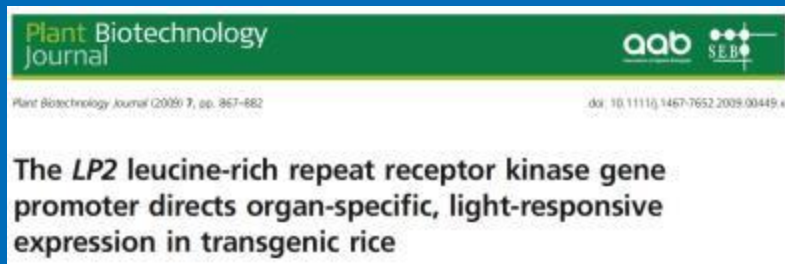


Genetic Stock-*Oryza* (GSOR) Collection

Since 2004, we have distributed over 40,000 rice genetic stocks to researchers around the world.



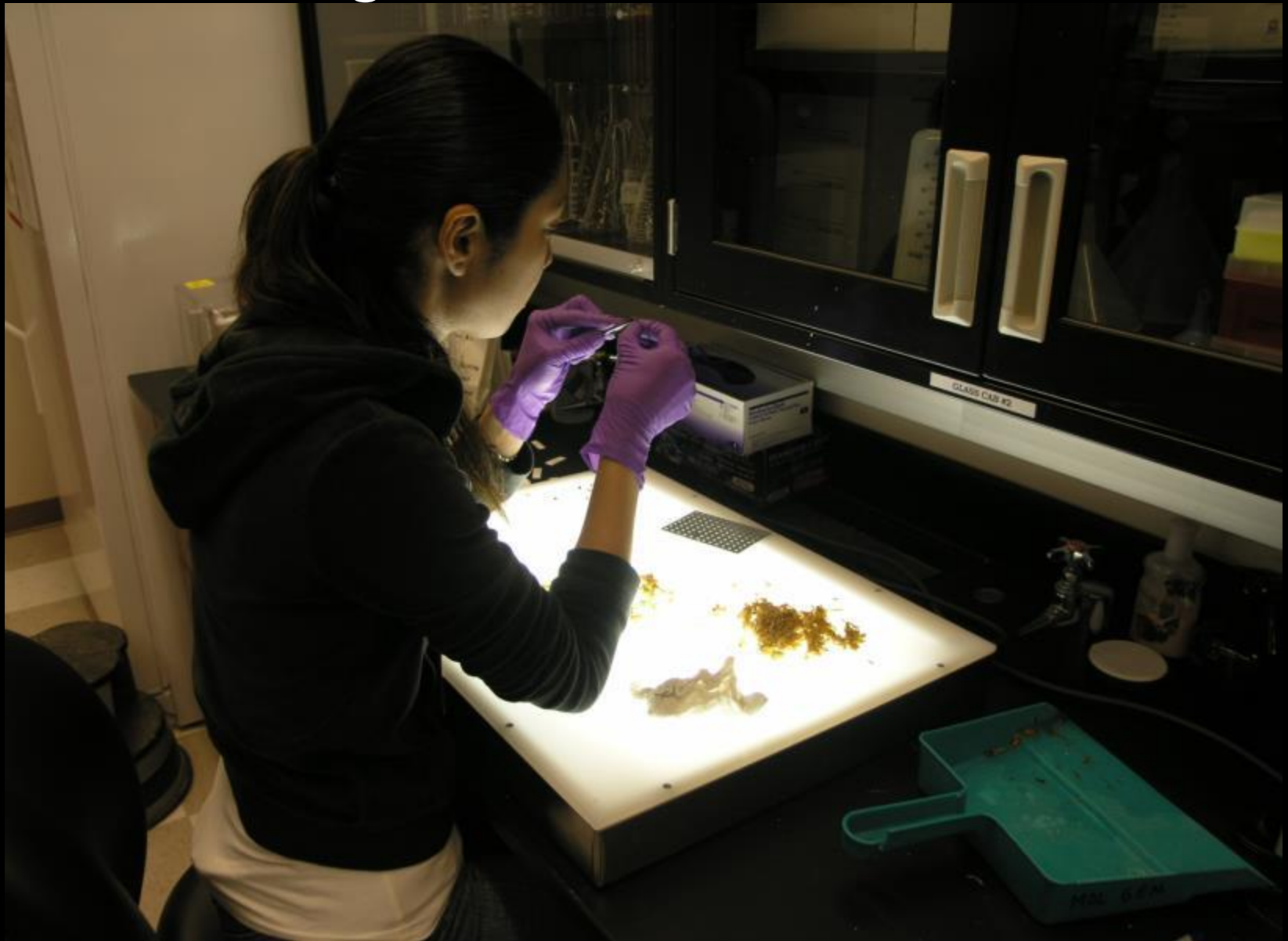
Rice genetic stocks provided by GSOR have been used in research published in many scientific journal articles.



Kernel Smut – A Disease That Goes Undetected Until Its Too Late



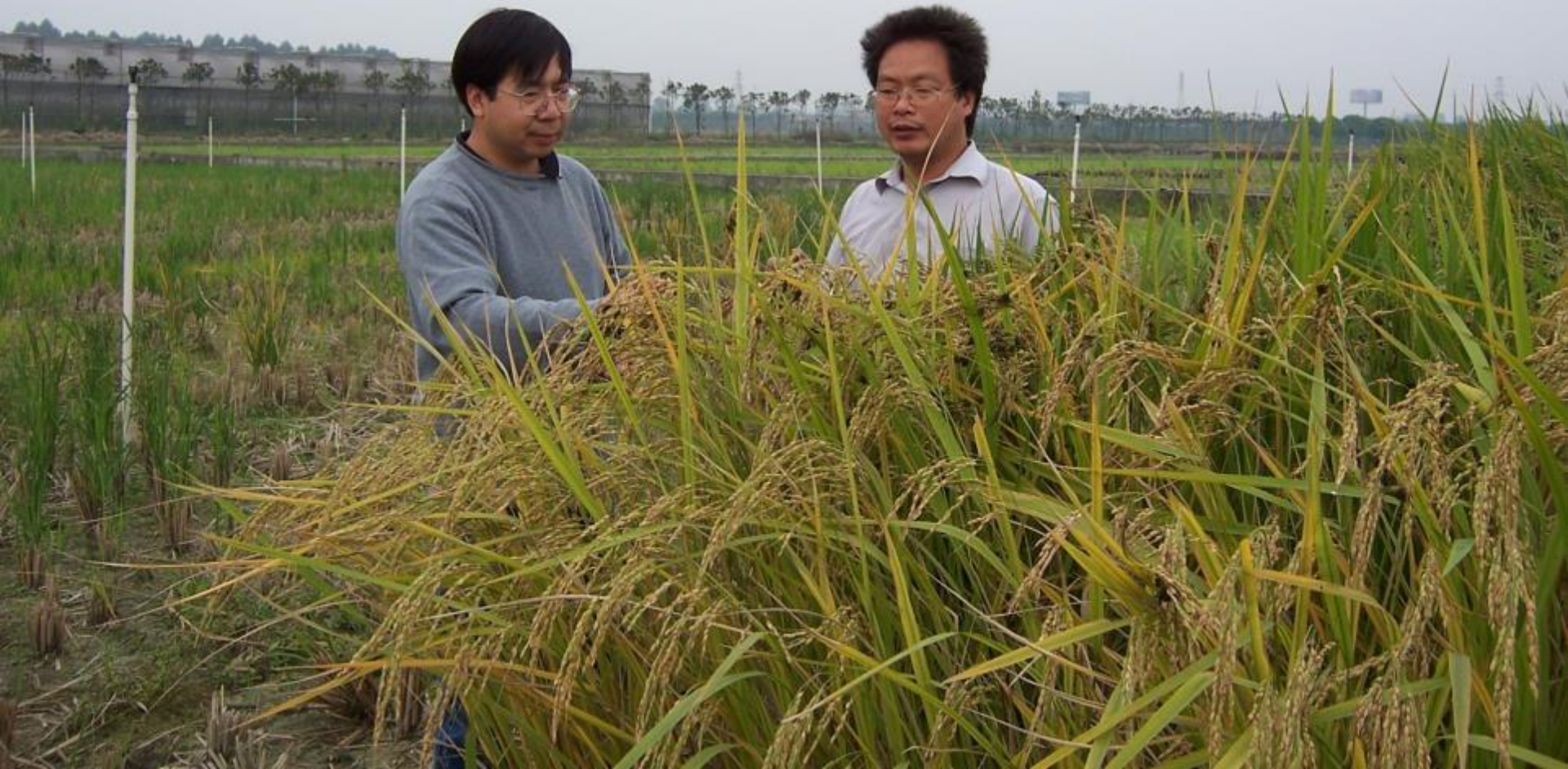
Determining the Amount of Kernel Smut



A close-up photograph of rice plants. The rice panicles are visible, showing a mix of green and yellowish grains. Some panicles appear distorted or have abnormal growths, characteristic of False Smut. The leaves are green and show some brownish spots, likely from the same disease. The background is blurred, focusing attention on the infected parts of the plant.

**False Smut
Affects Rice Yield and Quality**

Dr. Jia (ARS) visiting with hybrid researchers in China on False Smut Disease





Experimental plot yield trials to identify high-yielding genetic lines from the World Collection

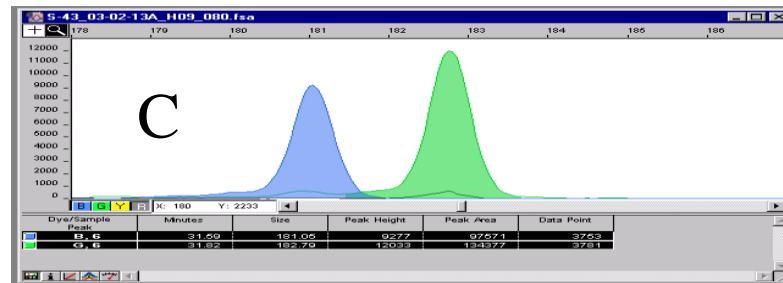
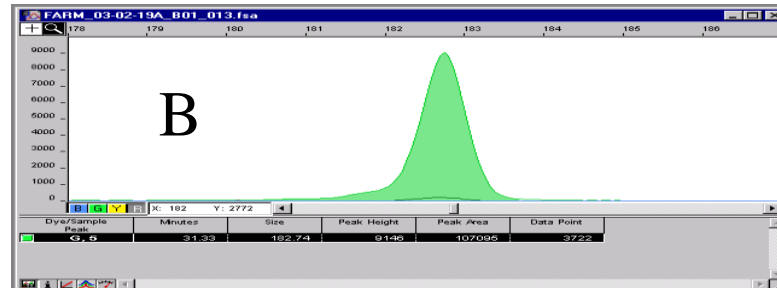
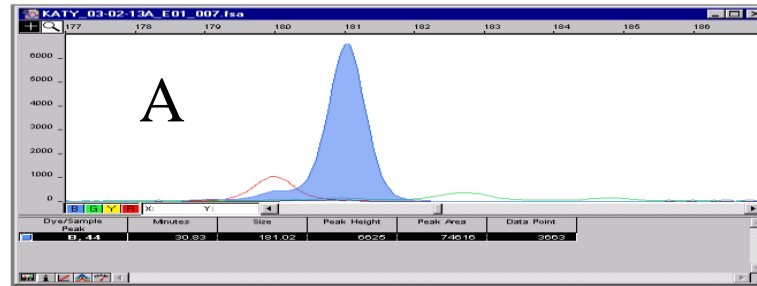
Blast is a serious disease in rice growing areas worldwide. The *Pi-ta* blast resistance gene in rice plays a central role for protection of rice in the Southern US.



With *Pi-ta* resistance gene

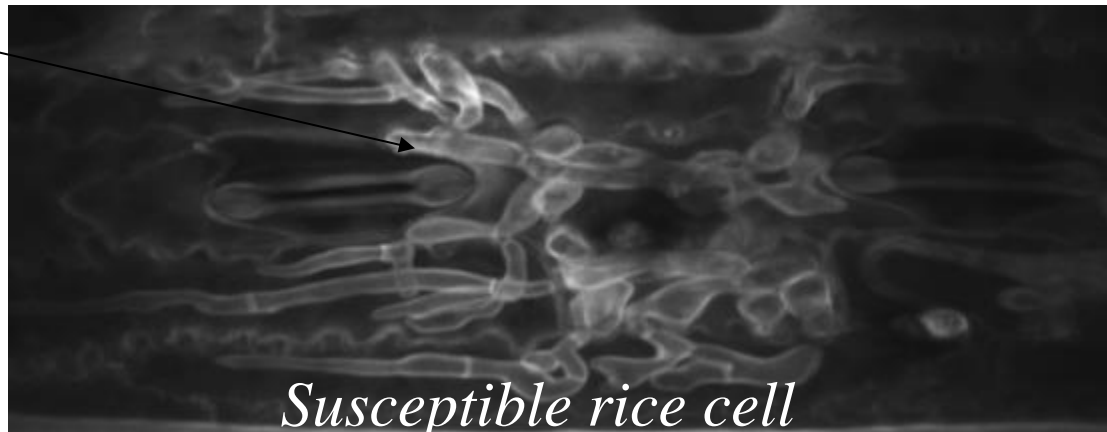
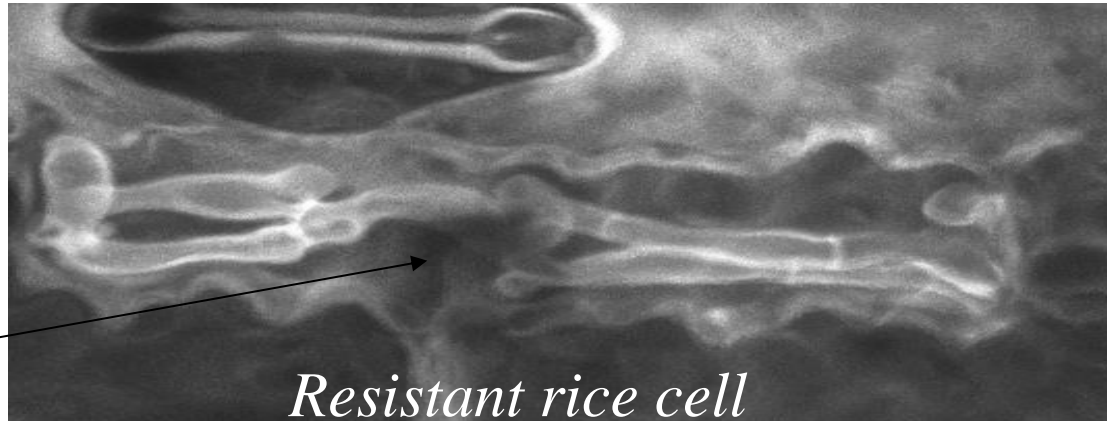


***Without *Pi-ta* resistance
gene***

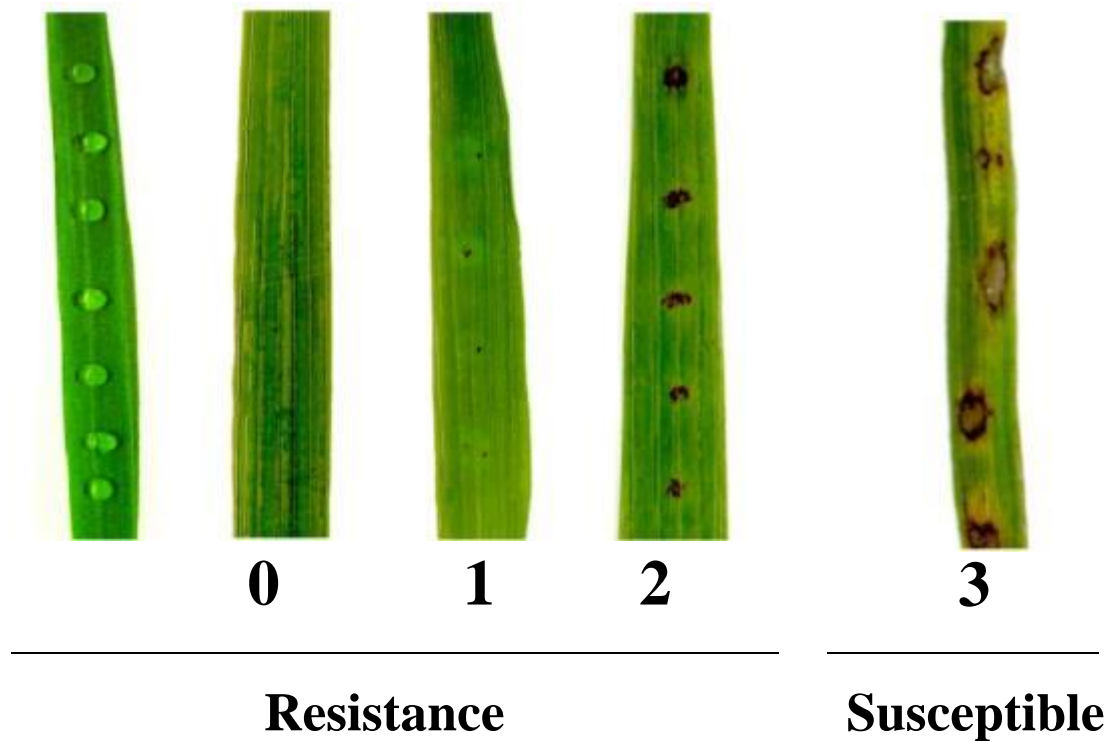


DNA marker analysis can help breeders introduce the resistance gene *Pi-ta* into their new cultivars. A. breeding line fixed for the *Pi-ta*/*Pi-ta* resistance gene, B. breeding line fixed for the susceptible gene *pi-ta*/*pi-ta* and C. breeding line still segregating for resistance and susceptibility.

**Fungal
hyphae**

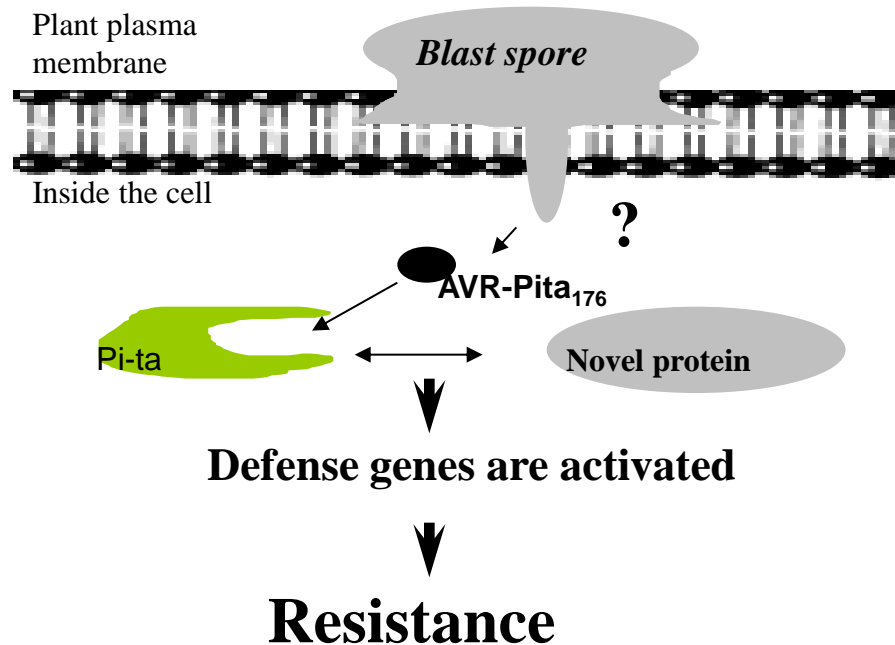


Recent studies show that the blast fungus can grow in resistant cells but without showing signs of disease. This shows growth of the blast pathogen in the rice leaves 36 hours after inoculation.

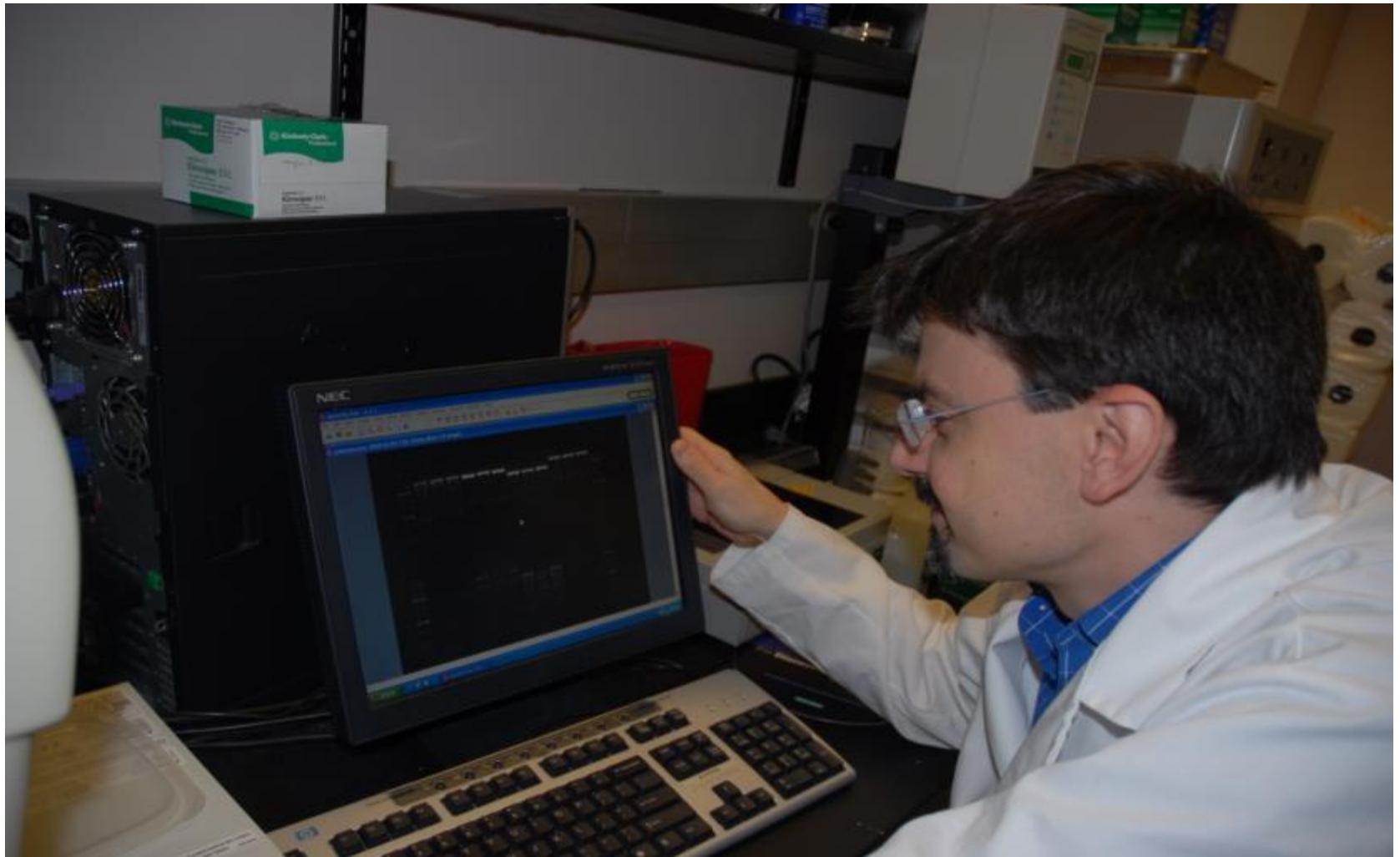


A detached leaf inoculation method is used to examine resistance to the rice blast pathogen. A spore suspension is used to inoculate a detached leaf (left) and response to the disease is measured after a few days. This method differentiates resistant from susceptible plants.

A working model of *Pi-ta* gene mediated blast resistance



The blast spore introduces an elicitor into the plant cell that binds with a protein produced by the plant's *Pi-ta* resistance gene. This activates a defense response by the plant.



Research Associate Dr. Stefano Costanzo analyzes DNA fragments to determine the function of different proteins produced by a single gene in rice.



Dr. Yulin Jia, Molecular Plant Pathologist, developed 20,000 random mutant lines from an adapted US long grain cultivar Katy to determine the function various genes.

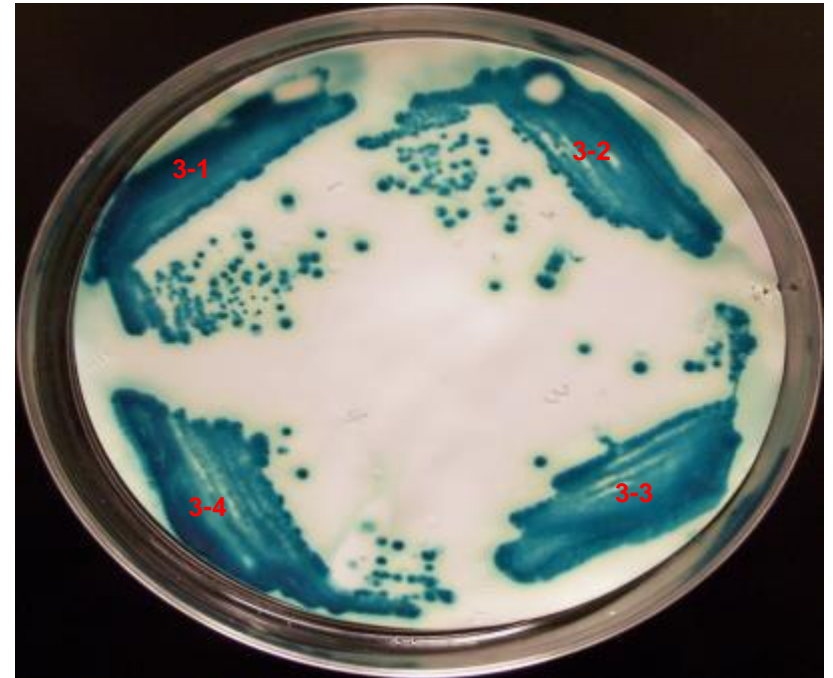


Biological Science Lab Technician Michael Lin evaluates resistance of rice after the plants were treated with the blast pathogen in a greenhouse.



Summer student Mr. Eli Eggerman loads DNA samples into a PCR machine for DNA amplification to study mechanisms of disease resistance.

Yeast has been used to identify important genes for the control of rice disease. Positive interacting proteins are blue, negatives are white.



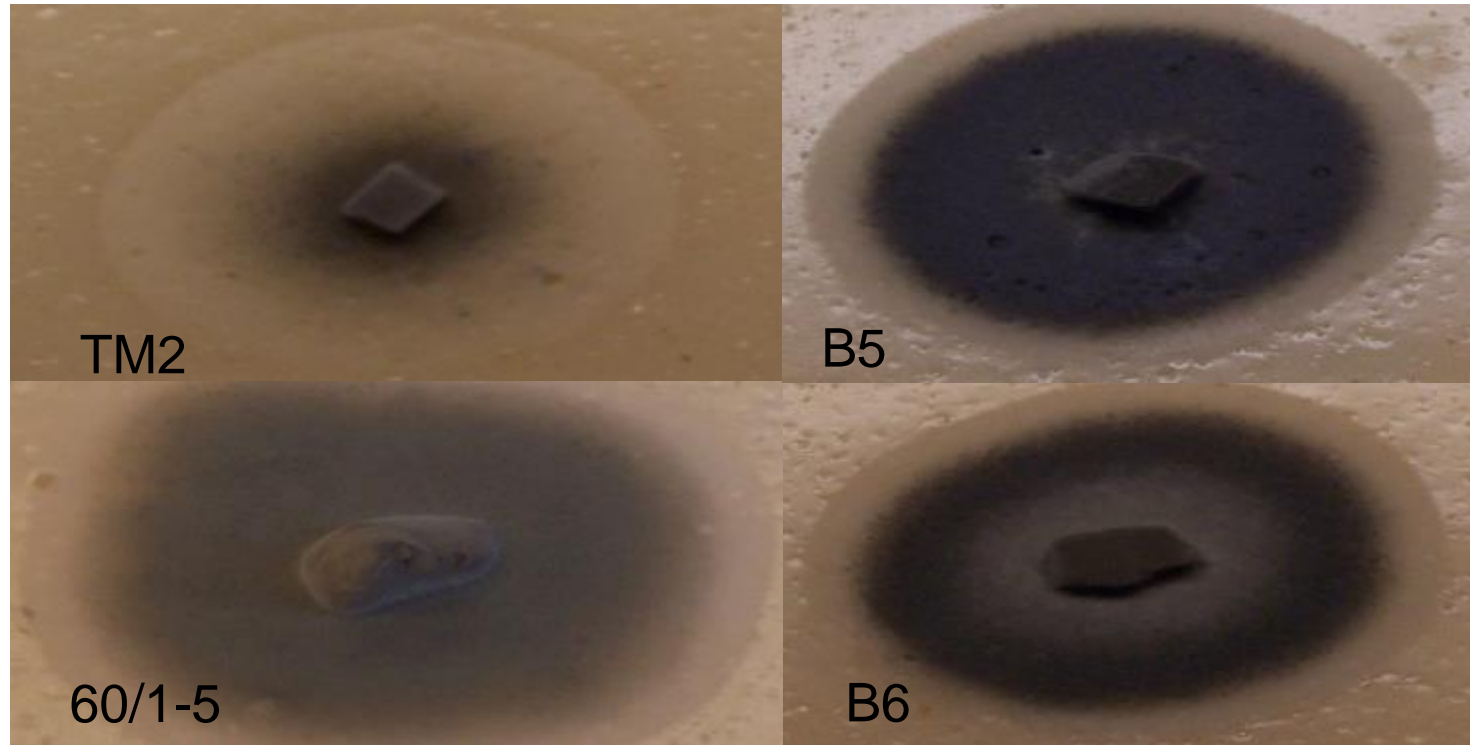
**DNA
sequences are
being used to
study the
evolutionary
origin of red
rice in the US
– a possible
source of new
pest
resistance
genes**



Red rice in the field



DNA sequence alignment



Diverse isolates of rice blast pathogen show different amounts of fungal growth after 5 days of culture

Research Projects on Grain Quality

Ming-Hsuan Chen heads the research on grain quality



Rice Grain
Functional
properties

Nutritional
Properties

Storage stability
of whole-grain

Rice Grain Quality

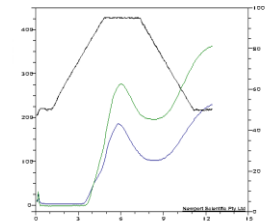


Cooked rice functional properties:

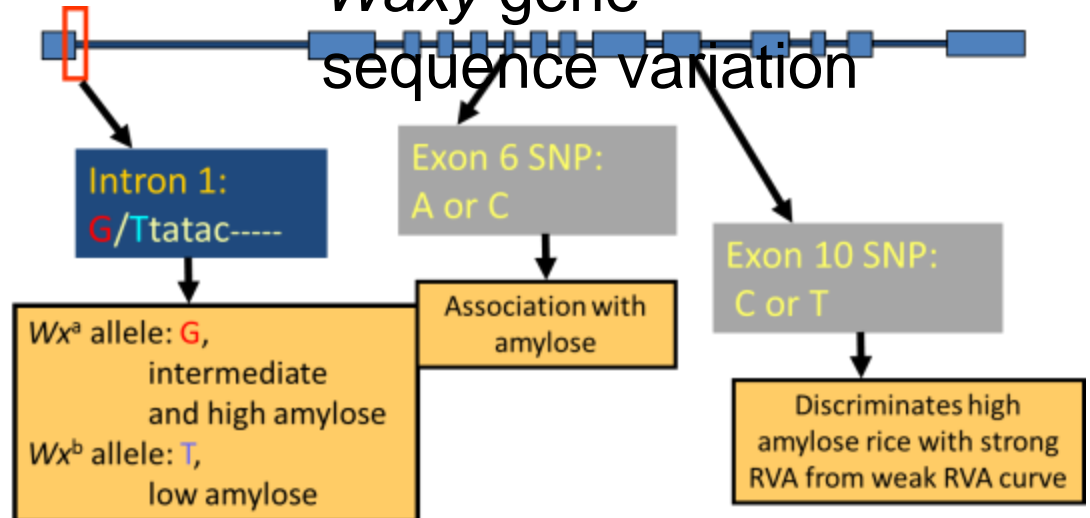
Texture



Amylose Paste viscosity

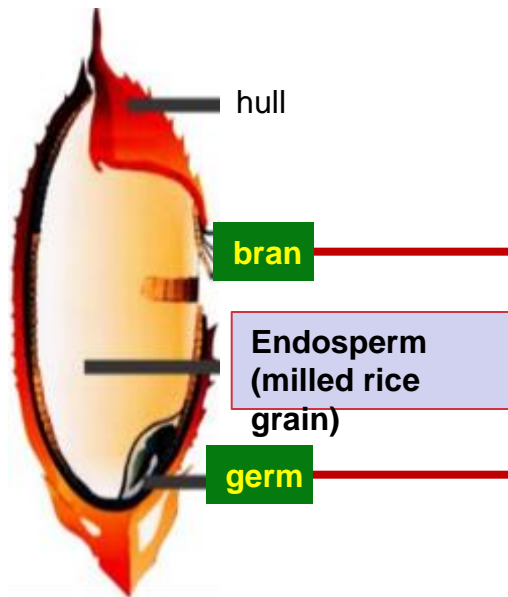


Association with
Waxy gene
sequence variation



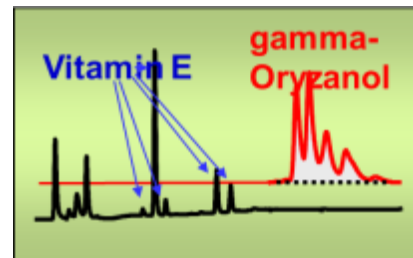
Rice grain image:
<http://www.mkmelite.com/agro.php>

Rice Grain Quality



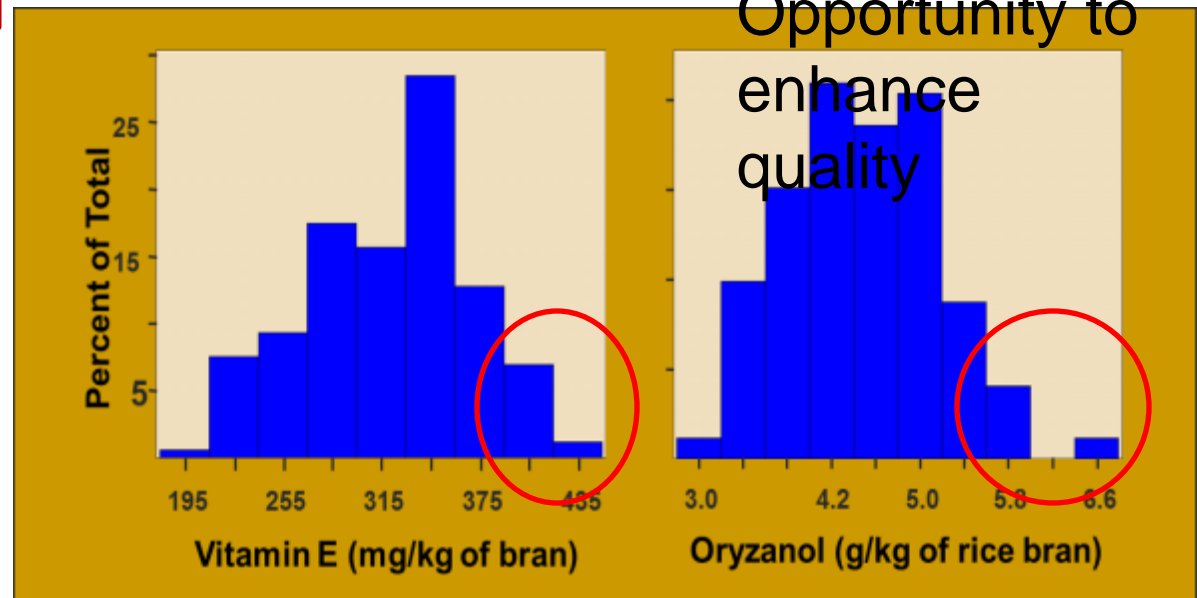
Nutritional properties:

- Vitamin E compounds and oryzanol are antioxidants in whole grain rice and have health benefits.

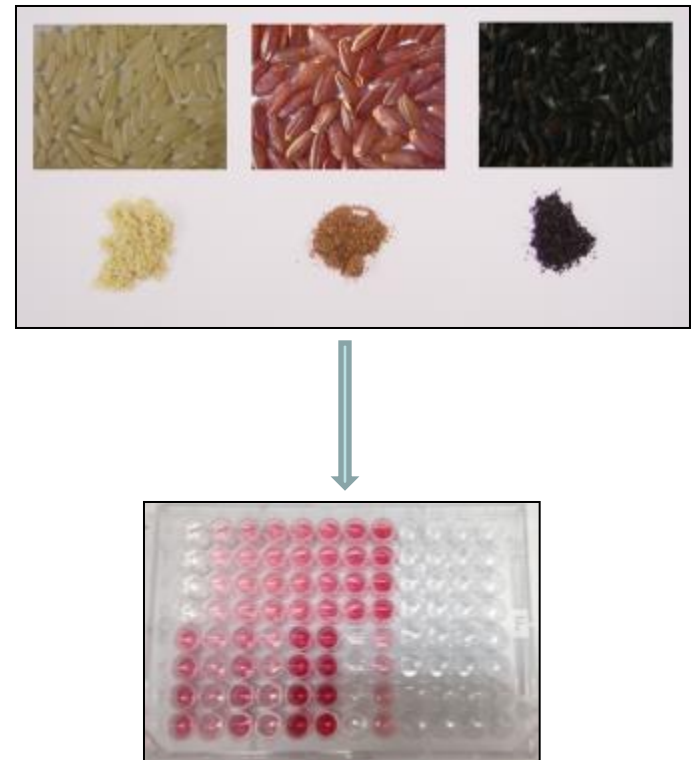
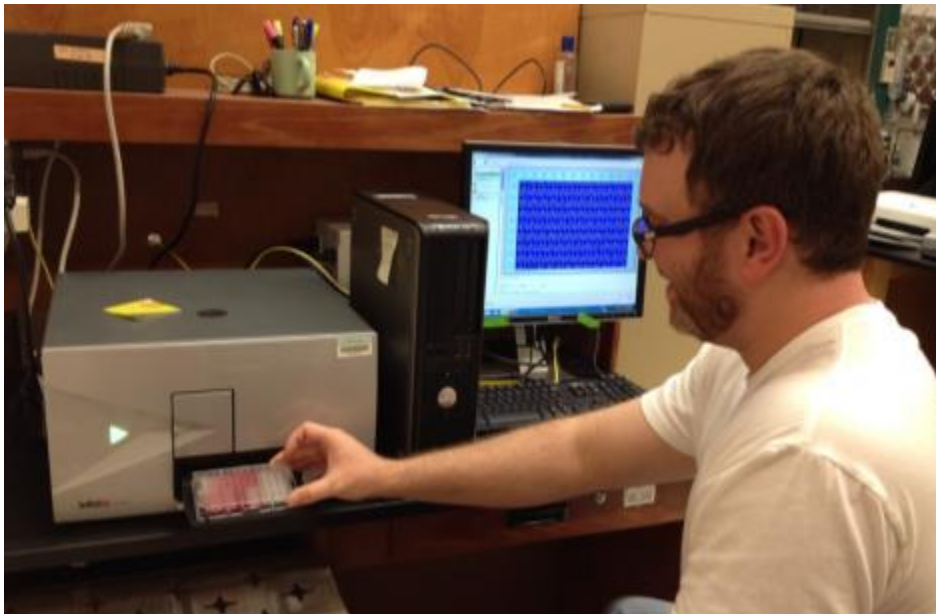


Rice varieties with high concentrations found:

Opportunity to enhance quality



Rice of Different Bran Color Varies in Polyphenol Contents and Antioxidant Capacity

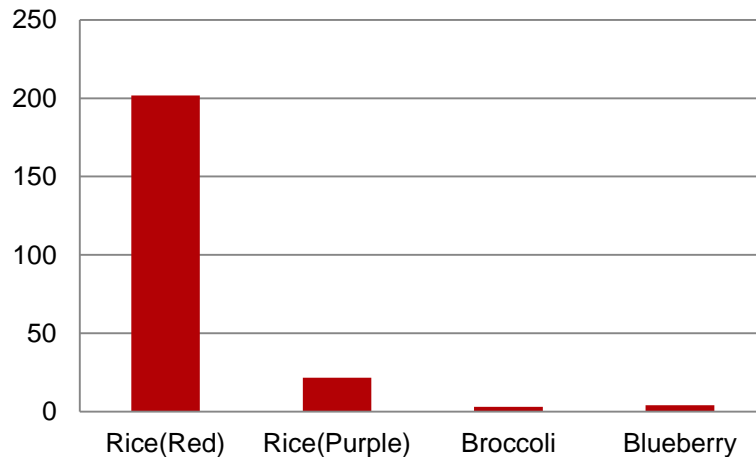


Pigmented Rice Contains Bioactive Compound

Proanthocyanidins



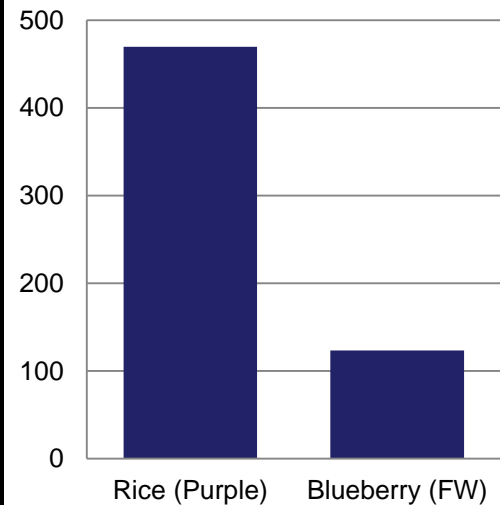
Total Proanthocyanidins
(mg/100g)



Anthocyanins



Total Anthocyanin (mg/100g)





Cereal Chemist Rolfe Bryant leads the Stuttgart program identifying value-added grain traits.



Weighing rice flour samples to determine amylose content

Amylose content determines the stickiness of rice.



Long grain rice usually has high amylose and it is less sticky, compared to short grain rice.



Isolating rice protein fractions.

Weed Physiology Group

**Dave
Gealy**

**Angie
Hodges**

**Howard
Black**

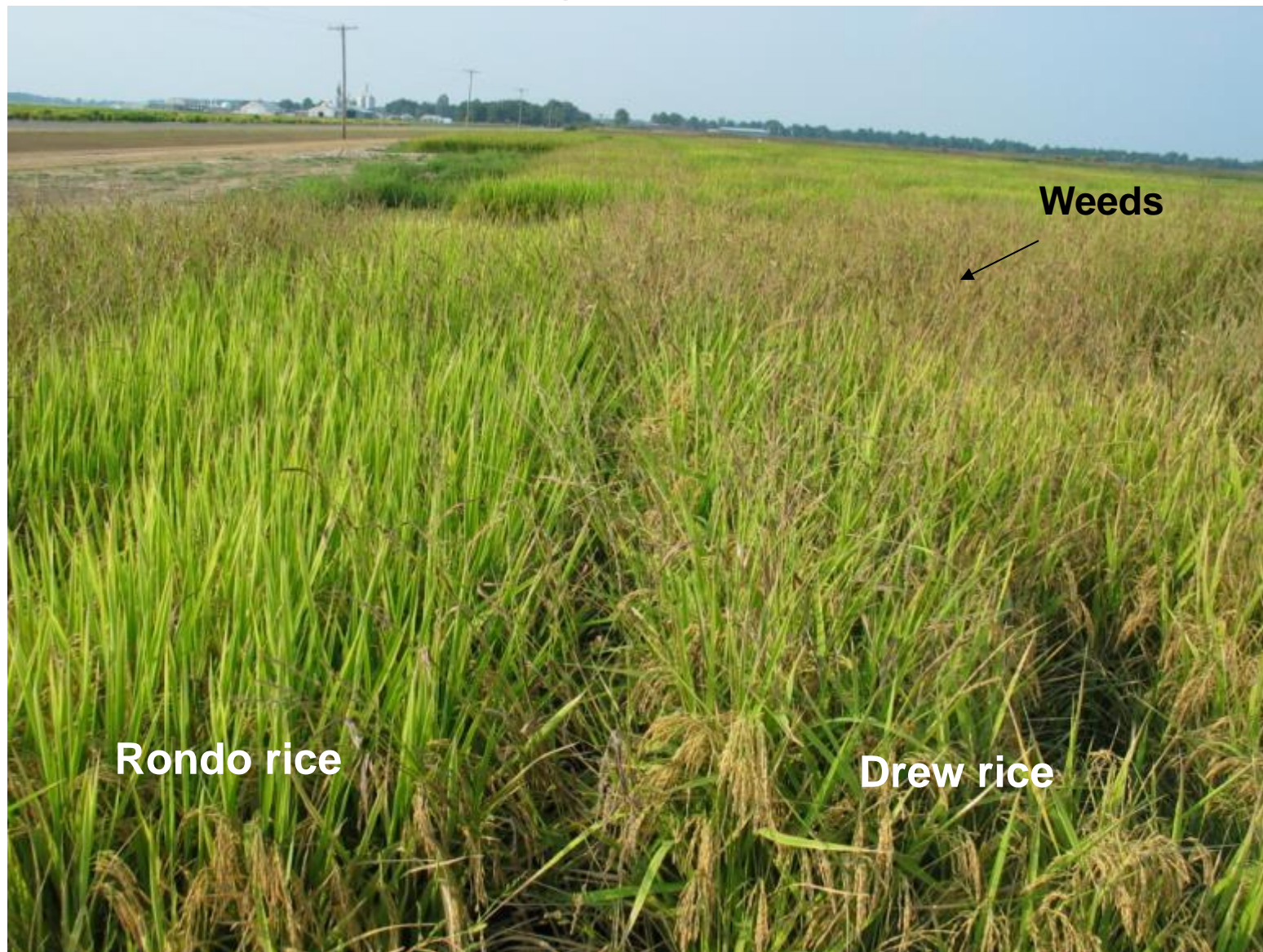
**Bill
Luebke**

**Adrian
Peters**



Identification of Cultivars that Naturally Suppress Barnyardgrass

Stuttgart, AR, 2007



quality of the milled product

Rice

Red Rice



Dehulled



Milled

Identifying traits to distinguish outcrosses between cultivated and red rice

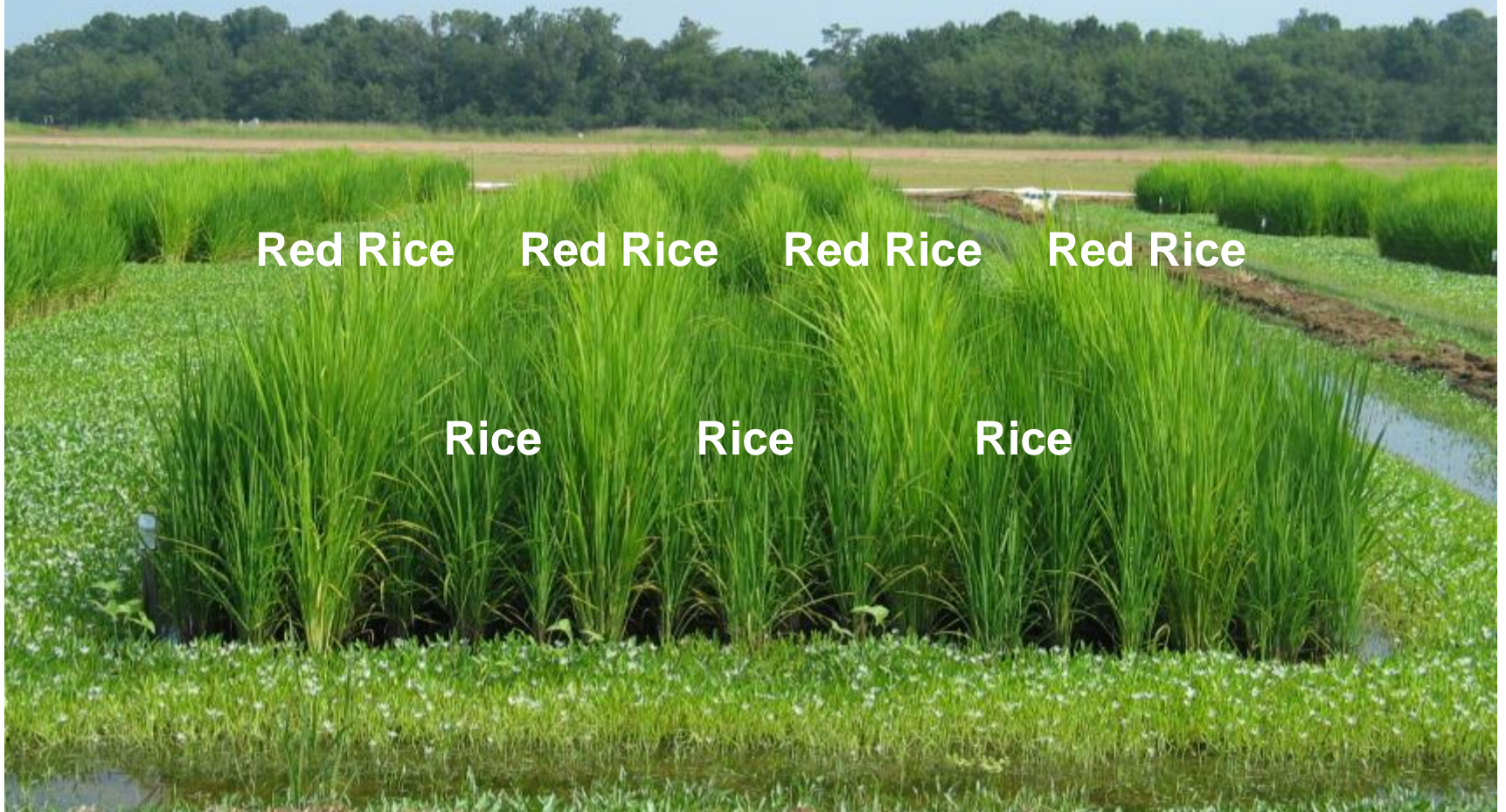


Pink-awned rice as a result of an outcross

Collecting Seed from Red Rice Biotypes



Red Rice Outcrossing Test





Strawhull red
rice hybrid:
matures late,
green stem



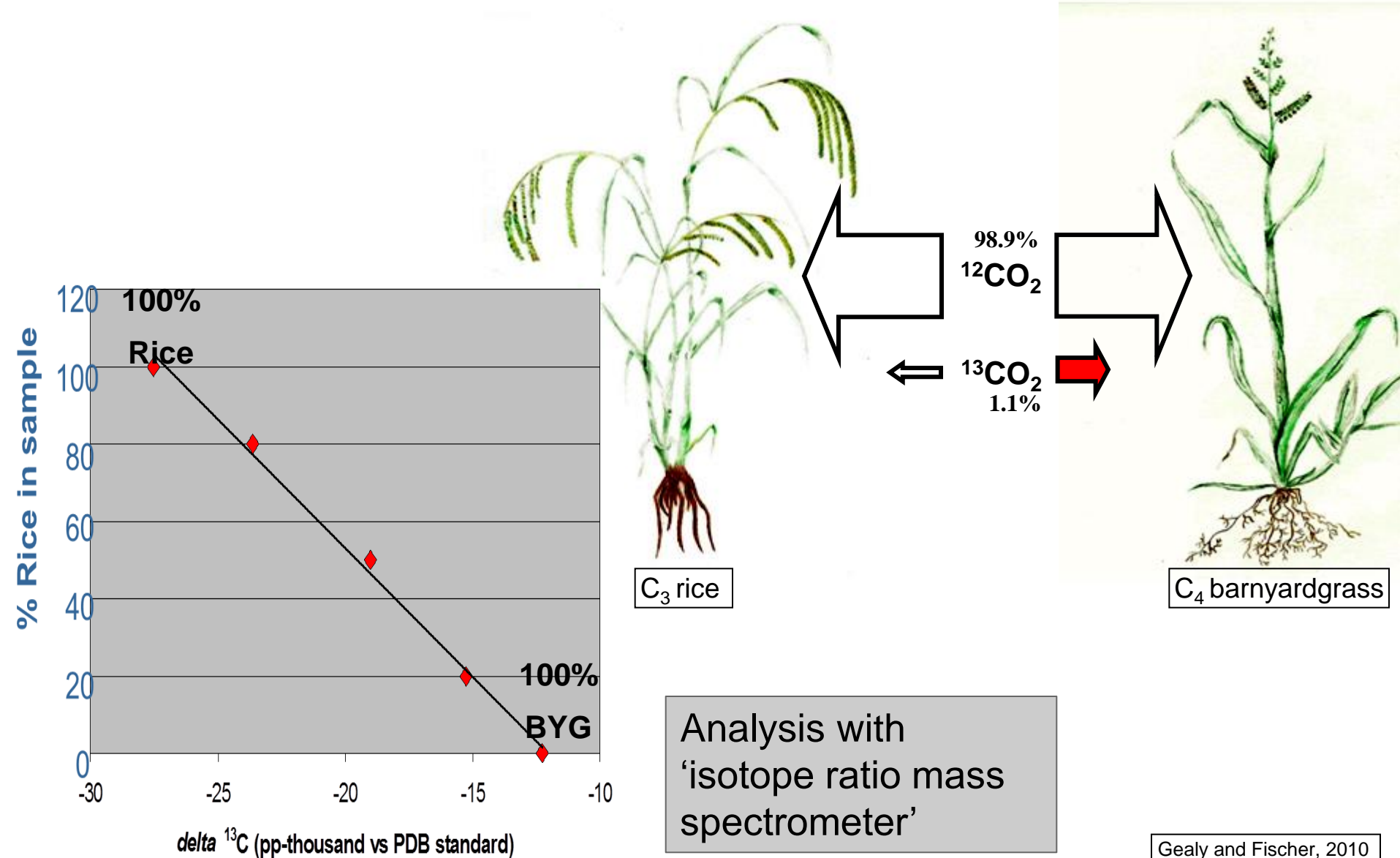
Blackhull red
rice hybrid:
pink awns,
red stem



Finding rice varieties with weed suppressive abilities (allelopathy)



C-13 Analysis can Measure Root Distribution of Weed and Rice Mixtures



Adrian harvests leaf samples for DNA analysis



Angie prepares rice leaf samples for DNA extraction



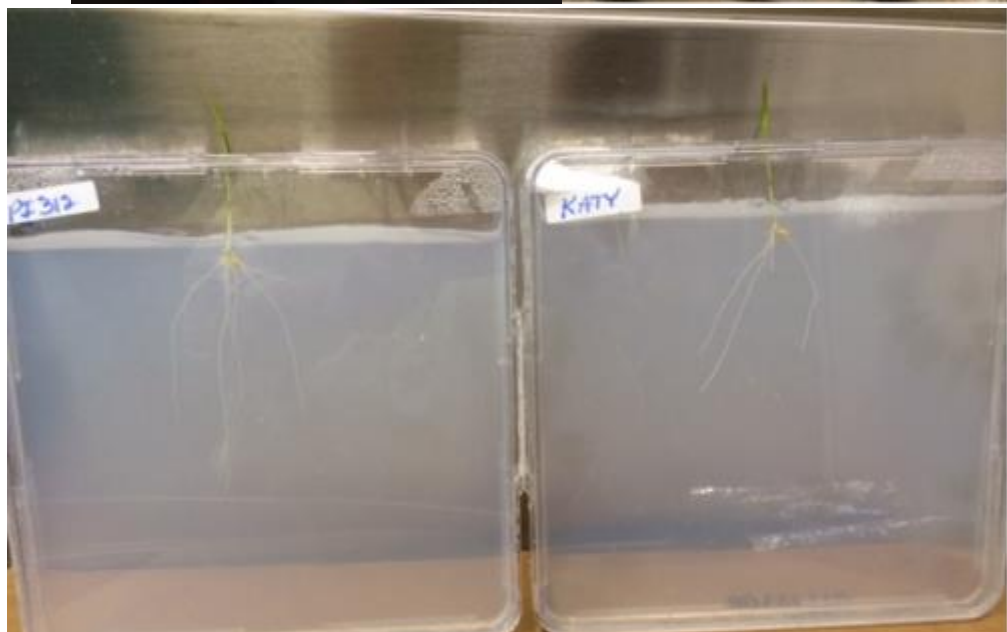
Adrian and Angie harvest rice leaves for DNA marker analysis

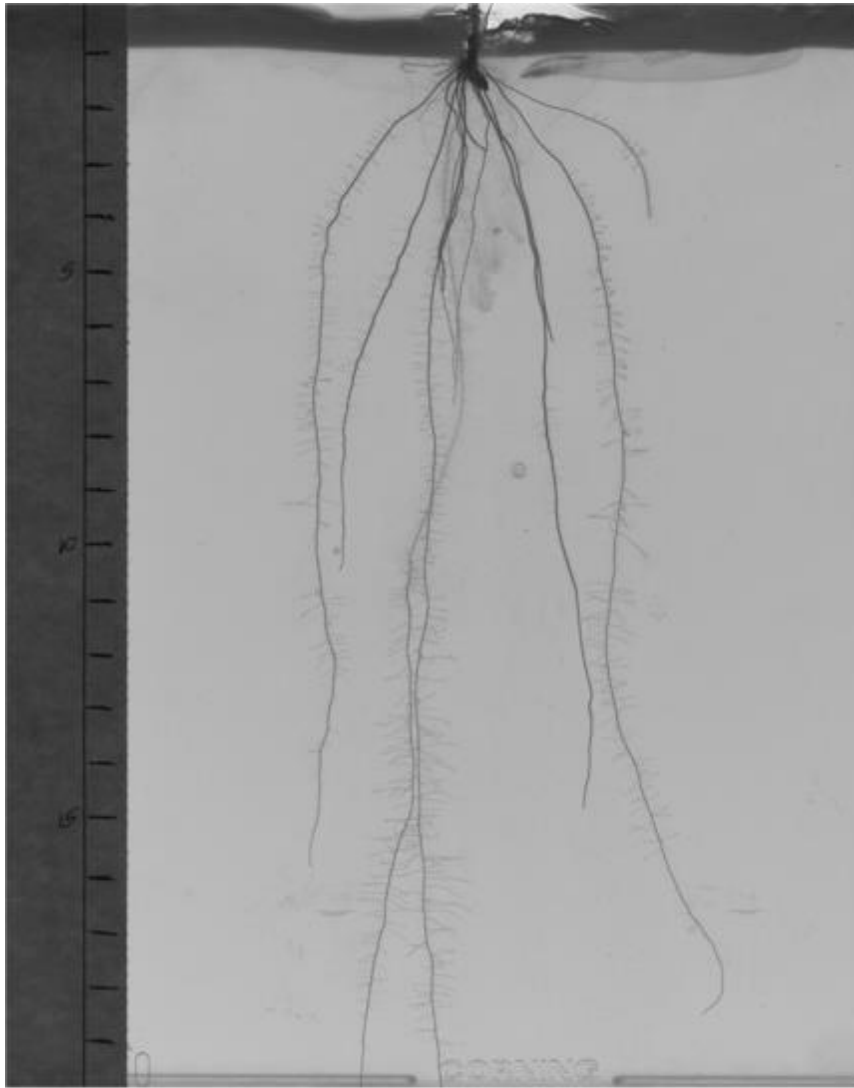


**Bill Luebke and Howard Black pour
agar for root development assays**

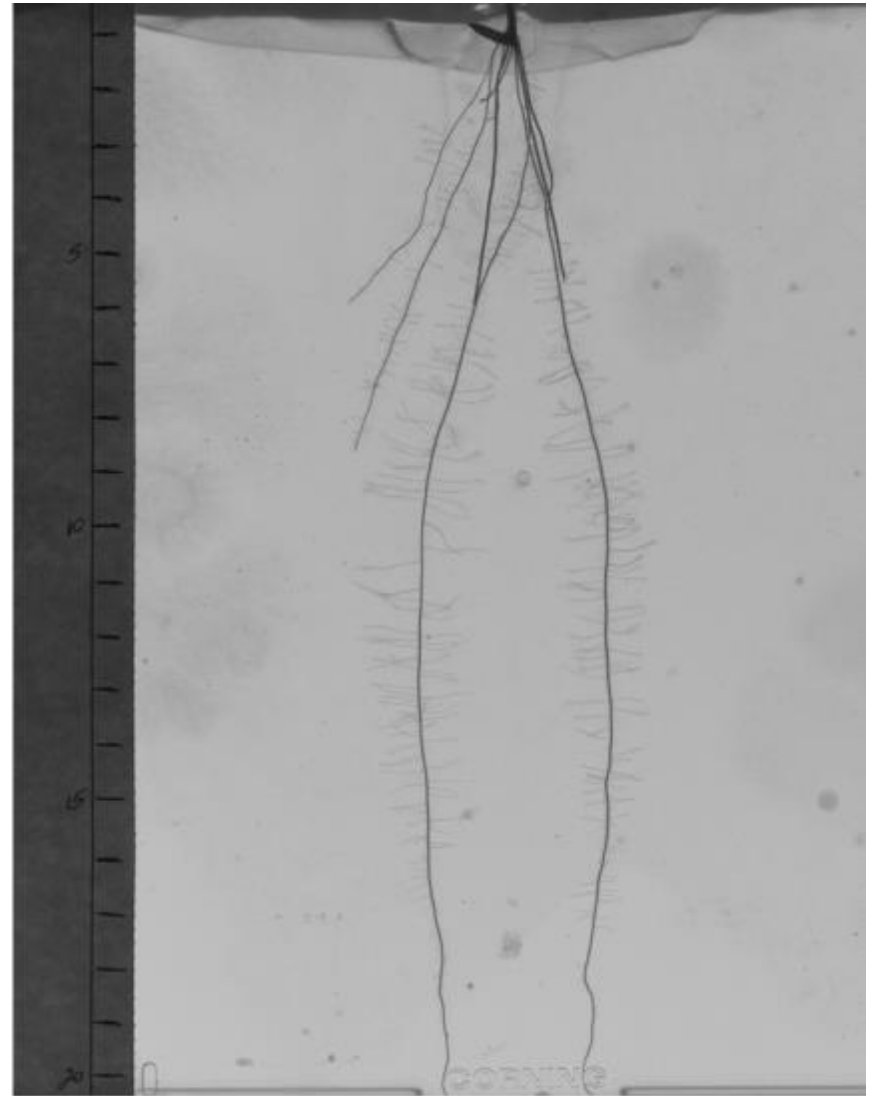


Evaluating competitive traits of rice roots in agar assays



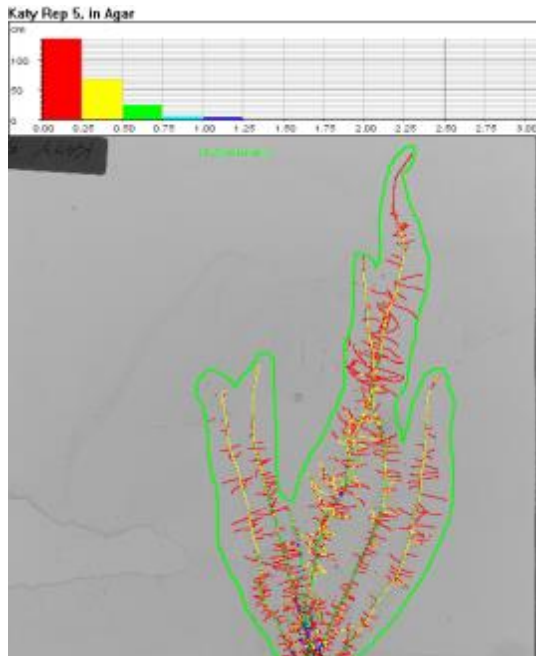


Extensive Root Growth of a
Weed-suppressive Variety

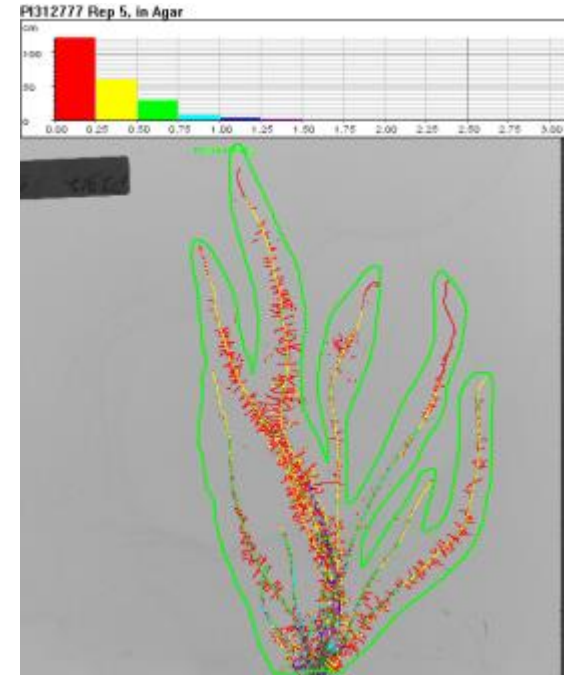
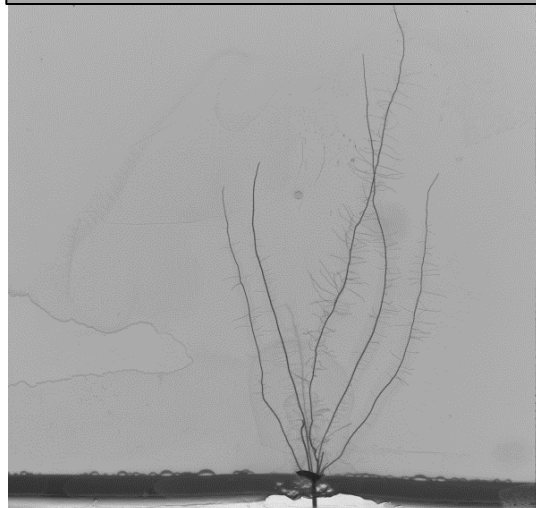


Typical Root Growth of a
Non-suppressive Variety

Root Scans in Agar:



Katy



PI312777



**Root
diameters
grouped by
color**

**Original
scan**

Herbicide-Resistant Hybrid Red Rice Weeds From Arkansas Farms



Screening for Herbicide-Resistant Red Rice-Crop Rice Hybrids



Red Rice-Crop Rice



Weedy Red Rice Infestation



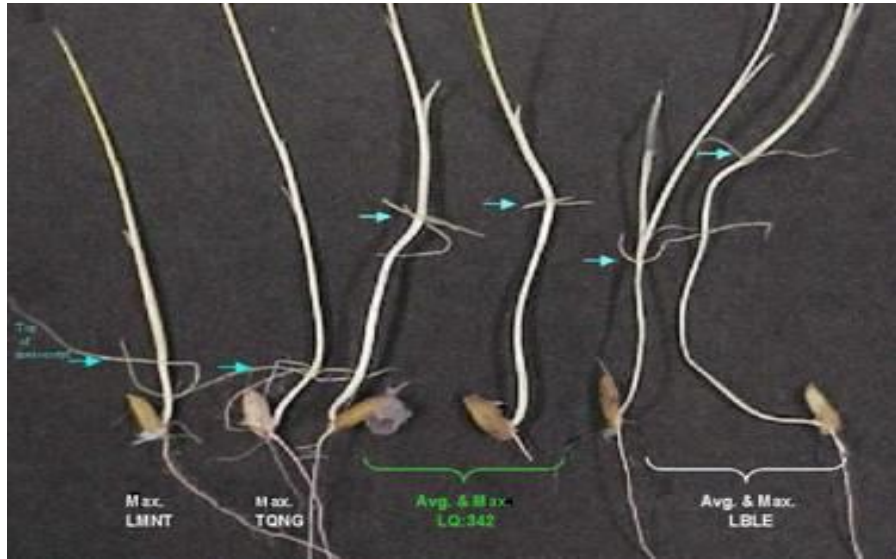
Weedy Red Rice



Red Rice Weeds



Increasing mesocotyl length enhances seedling vigor.

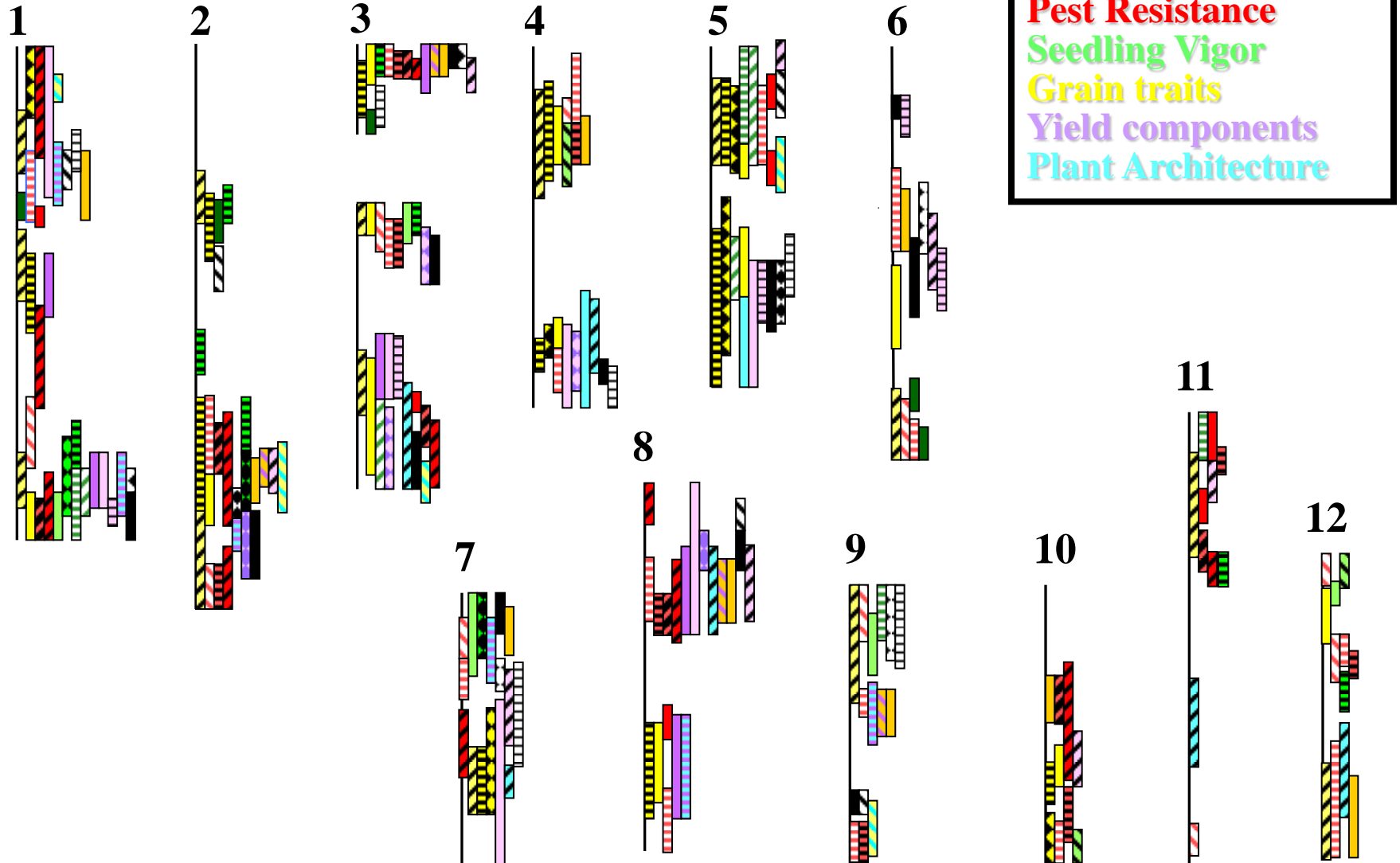


Rice with long mesocotyls emerges faster allowing it to establish stands and begin tillering. Standard U.S. semidwarf rices have short mesocotyls, reducing seedling vigor.

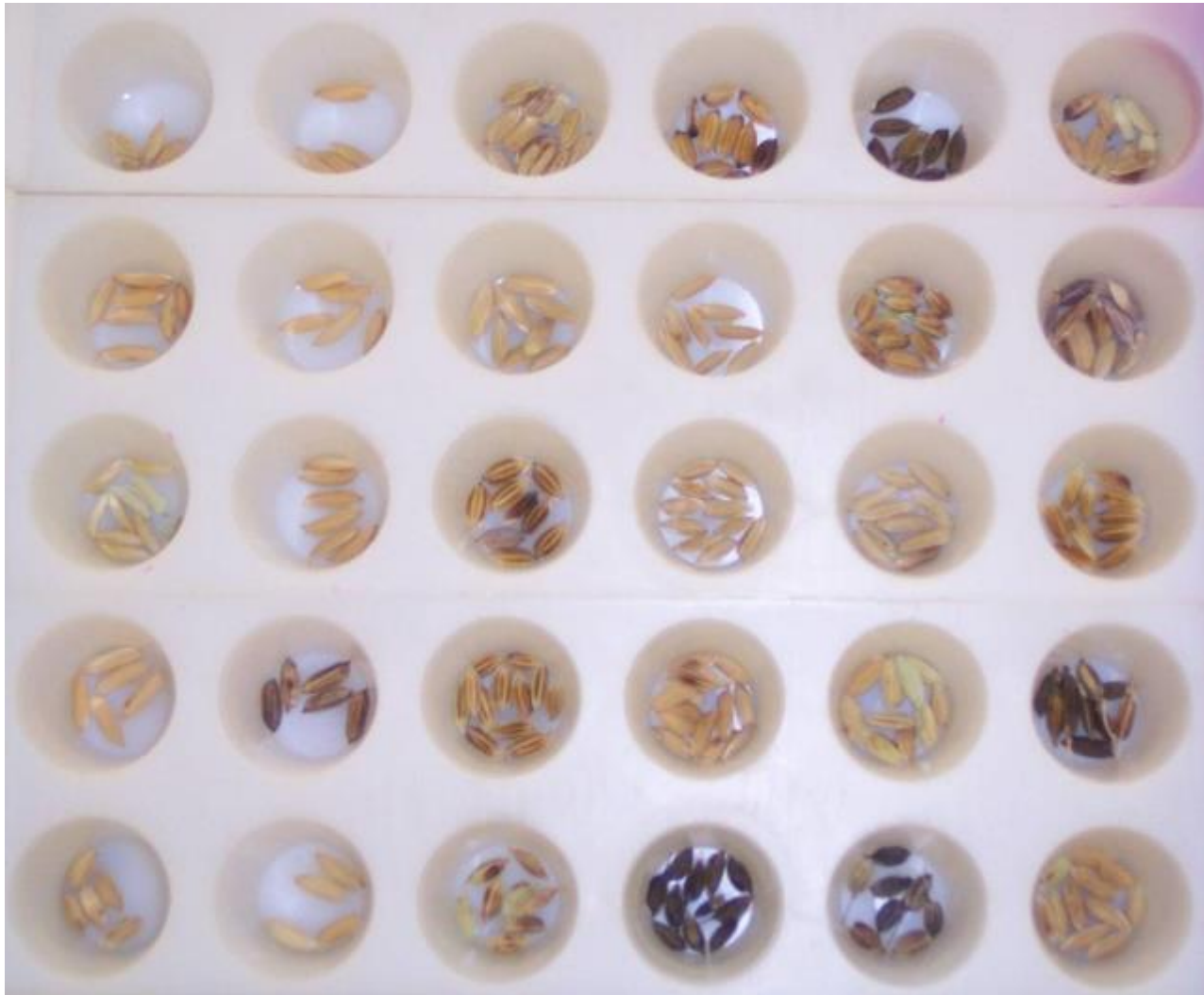


Genetically Mapping Rice Genes

Locating where important genes are on the 12 chromosomes of rice helps breeders to efficiently incorporate desired genes into improved rice varieties.



The USDA-ARS maintains a Core Germplasm Collection comprised of 1800 rice lines originating from around the world. This set of lines is proving to be highly useful in identifying new genes for important traits



Improving the Nutritional Quality of Rice

Within the USDA Core Collection, Dr. Pinson and crew are finding some rice cultivars that are more nutritious because they are high in nutrients like iron, zinc, and magnesium.





Cypress = Fissure Resistant



LaGrue = Fissure Susceptible

**Rice that resists fissuring (cracking) breaks less
during dehulling and milling.**

More whole kernels = more income for producers, millers, and marketers.

Increased production of early tillers can increase rice yields and grain quality.



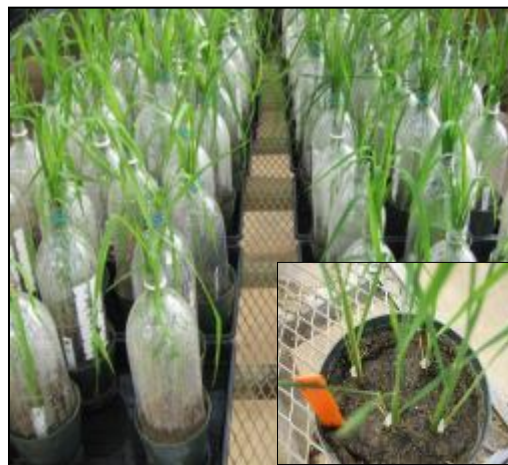
6 tillers + main stem

3 tillers + main stem

Discovering genes that enhance early tiller production.



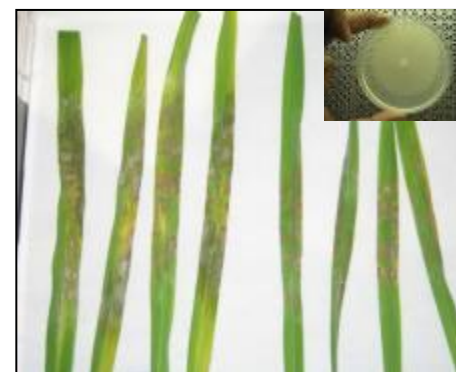
Methods to identify sheath blight resistance in rice wild relatives



Micro-chamber method



Toothpick inoculation



Detached leaf evaluated

Counting the number of tillers



Dr. Eizenga's Field crew



Variation in rice seed



Adding an Extra Chromosome Changes Rice Plant Growth and Development

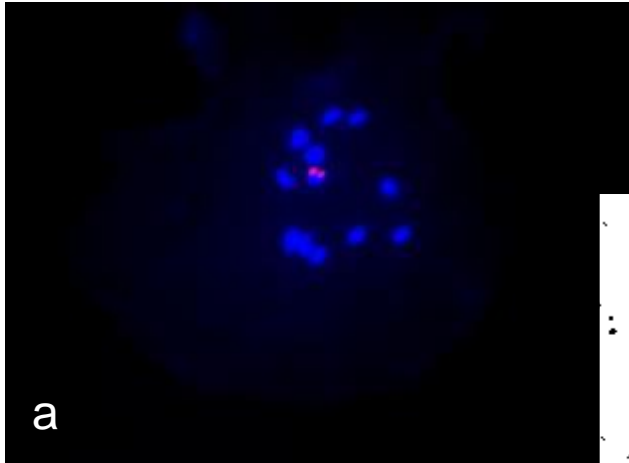
Normal plant



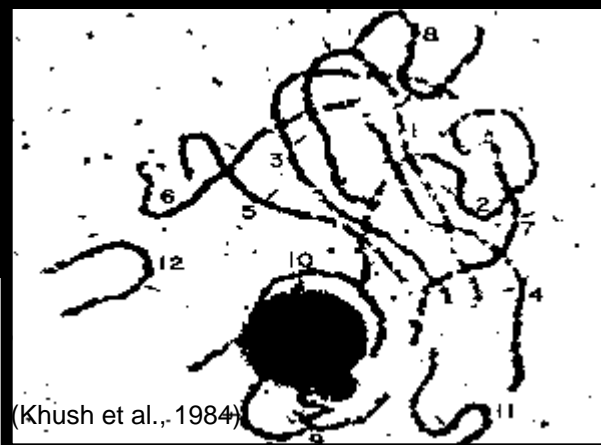
Rice Cytogenetics

Rice chromosomes as seen with a microscope

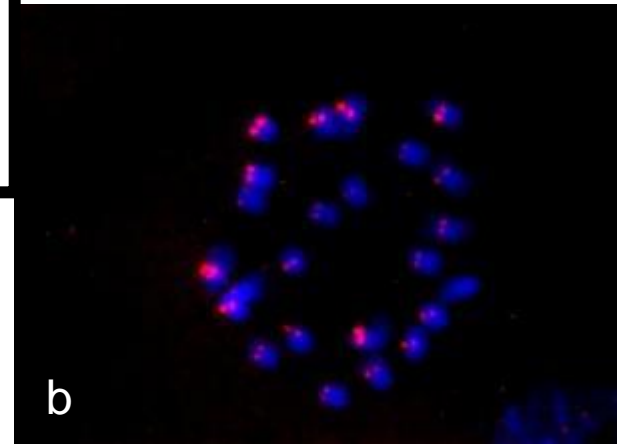
Root tip in metaphase



Anther in pachytene



Root tip in metaphase



**Rice has two sets of 12 chromosomes,
one set from each parent**

Root tip pictures:

blue = rice chromosomes

red = a) nucleolar organizer region or

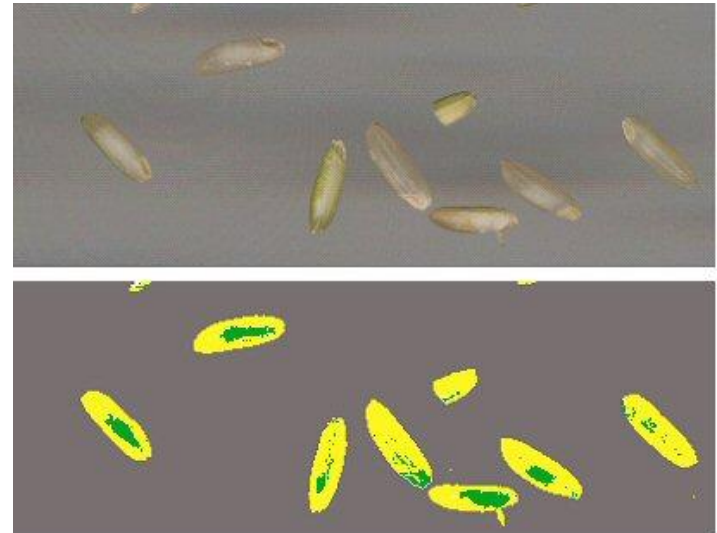
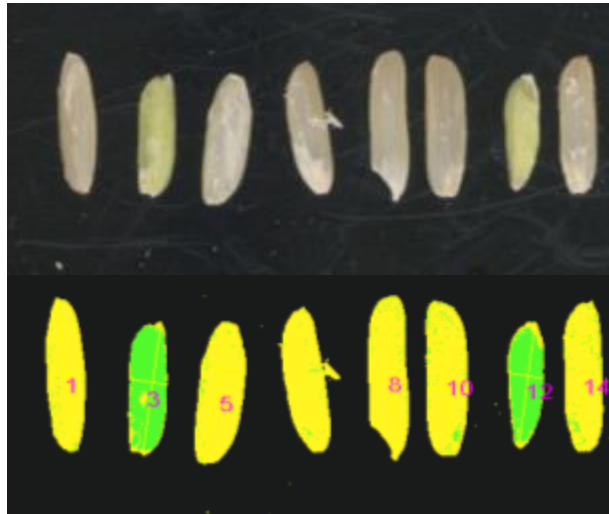
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Genetic Factors Which Reduce Grain Fissures and Increase Milling Quality



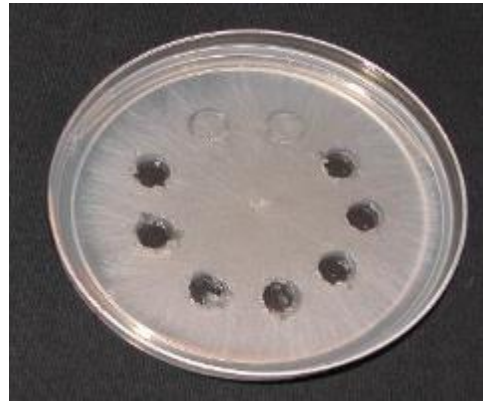
Using Image Analysis to Study Factors Which Affect Milling Quality



Quantification of green “immature” kernels and chalky areas

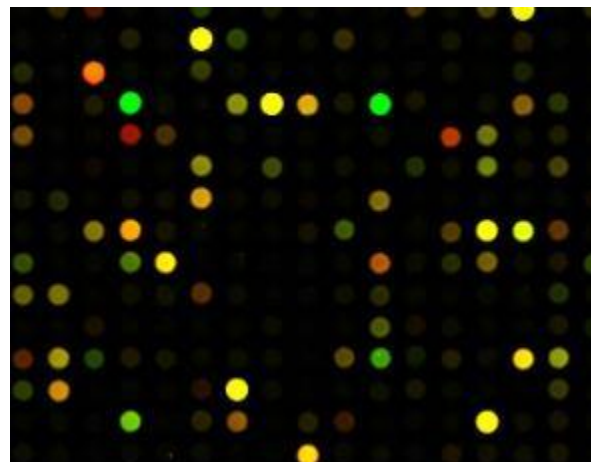
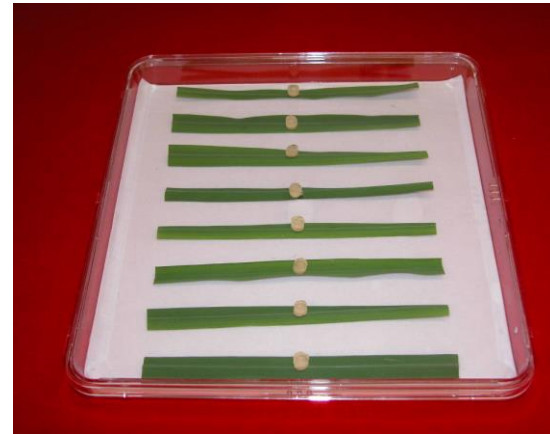
Discovery of genes associated with sheath blight resistance

- Plant genetic response to attack by the sheath blight pathogen



Pathogen

Inoculation



After 16 hrs, no disease can be seen but over 300 genes have been turned on in response to the pathogen



Winter Nursery Facilities in Lajas, Puerto Rico Are Used for Genetic Evaluation and Seed Increase

Planting Field Study at Stuttgart, AR



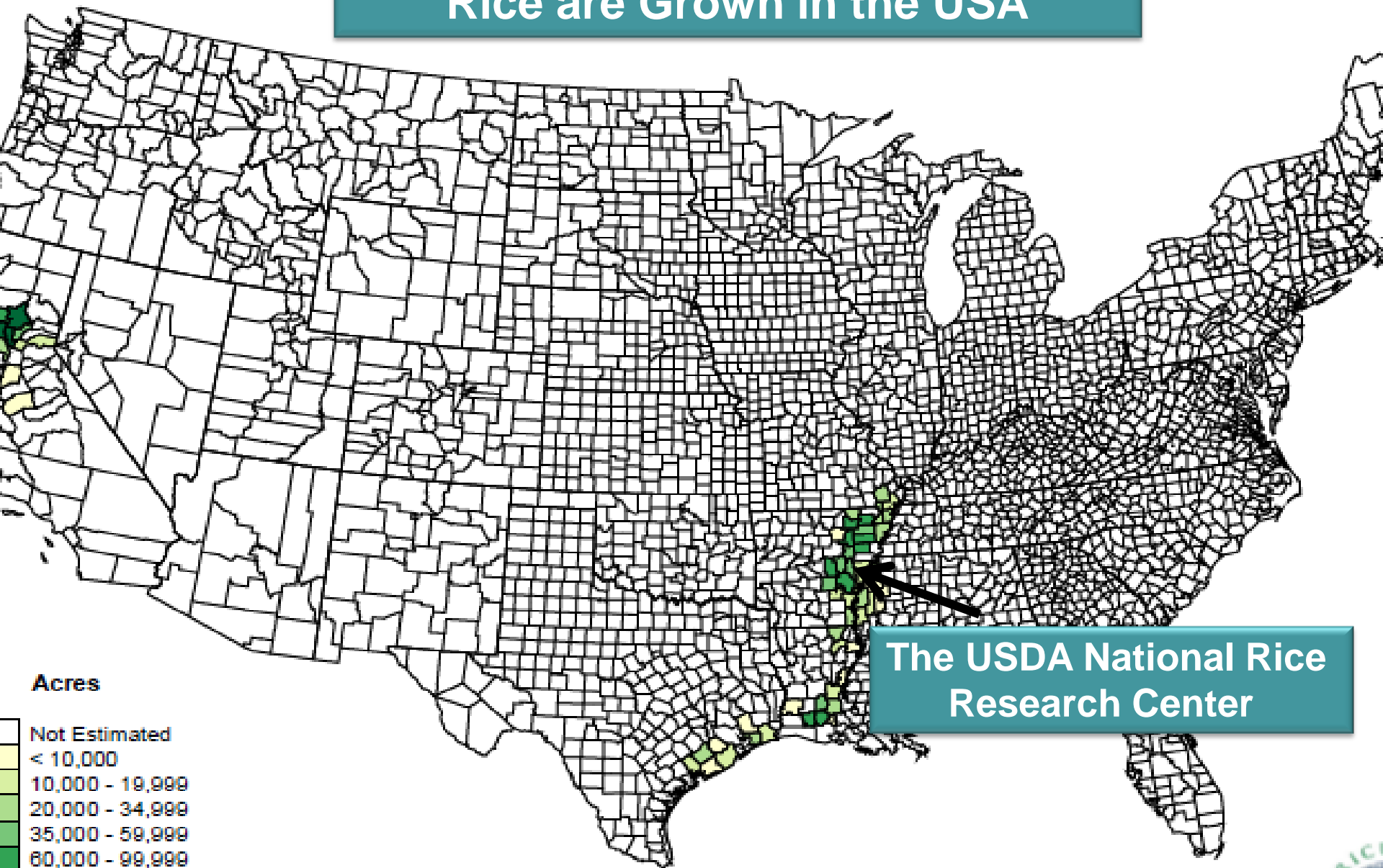
Genetic Marker Analysis





Carolina Gold Rice
An Heirloom
Variety Grown in
the USA Since the
17th Century

Approximately 3 Million Acres of Rice are Grown in the USA



The USDA National Rice Research Center

A Rice Variety from Mexico is The Source of Superior Parboil and Canning Quality

Jojutla Rice
Mexico - 1955



USA Rice Varieties
with Pedigrees That
Trace to Jojutla

Dixiebelle

Newrex

Sierra

Sabine

L205

Rexmont Bowman



Parboiled Rice



Examples of US Products Using Parboiled Rice

Green Revolution Rice Comes to the USA

USDA ARS Scientists Were Responsible for Incorporating the Semidwarf Gene from Taichung Native 1, a Variety from Taiwan

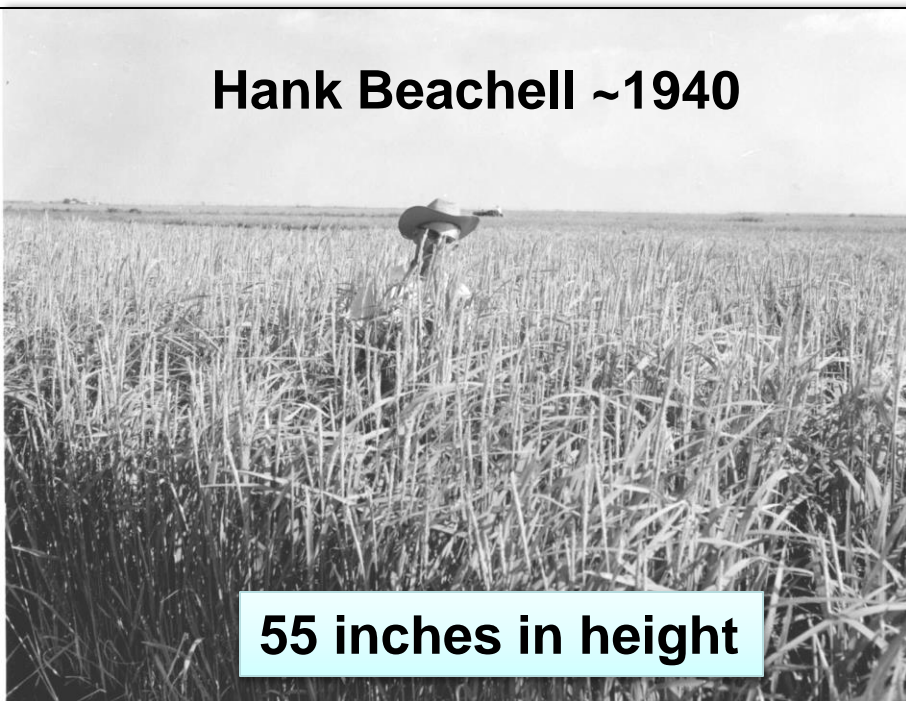
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Released
1966

6*Bluebelle
X TN1
1968

Crossing in
Texas
1971-74

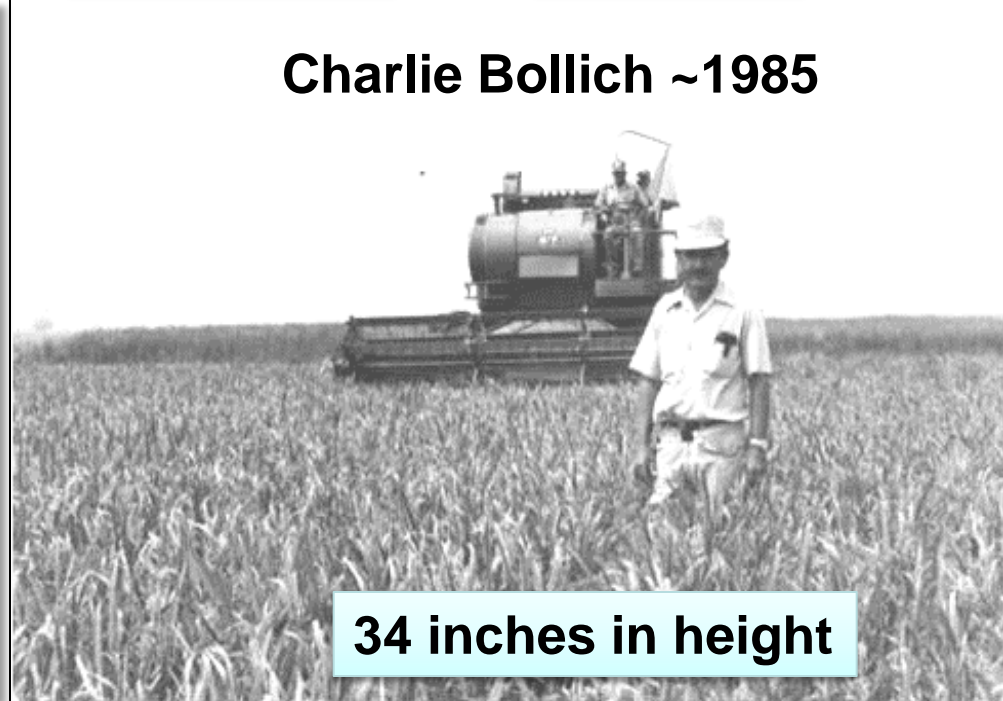
Lemont
Released
1986

Hank Beachell ~1940



55 inches in height

Charlie Bollich ~1985



34 inches in height

Rice Variety from Vietnam Serves as Source of Durable Disease Resistance In USA Varieties

Tetep Rice

Originated from
Vietnam



USA Cross Made
1979



**Katy
1989**

Source of Resistance in
Many Other USA
Varieties

Kaybonnet

Spring

Drew

Madison

Catahoula

Cybonnet

Templeton

CL111

Rice Blast
A Potentially
Devasting
Disease
Found
Worldwide



USDA ARS Maintains a Collection of Over 18,000 Rice Varieties from Around the World

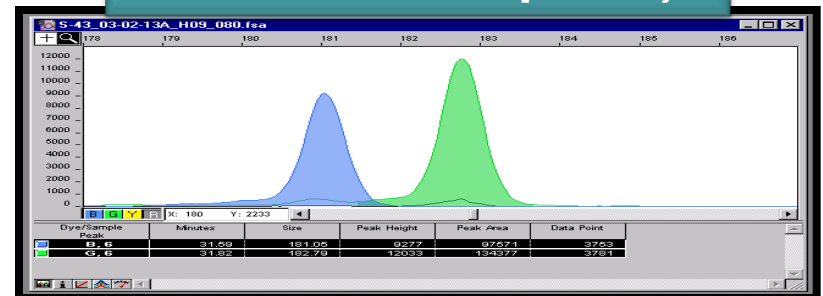
Characterized for Important Plant Traits



DNA Extraction for Genetic Marker Analysis



Example of Two Forms of a Gene
(i.e. disease resistant, disease susceptible)



Fortuna

Della

Wells

Most USA Varieties

Tropical japonica

Rikuti Norin 21

Ta Hung Ku

Norin 20

Koshihikari

Nipponbare

Temperate japonica

Genomic Analysis
Shows How Rice
Varieties from Around
the World Are Related

Indica

Guan Yin Tsan

Chau

Dee Geo Woo Gen

Gotak Gatik

Trembese

Basmati 217

Aromatic

Dom-Sufid

K 65

923
Bereni

Dhala Shaita

Champa Tong 54

Jhona 349

DV 85

Taducan

IR64



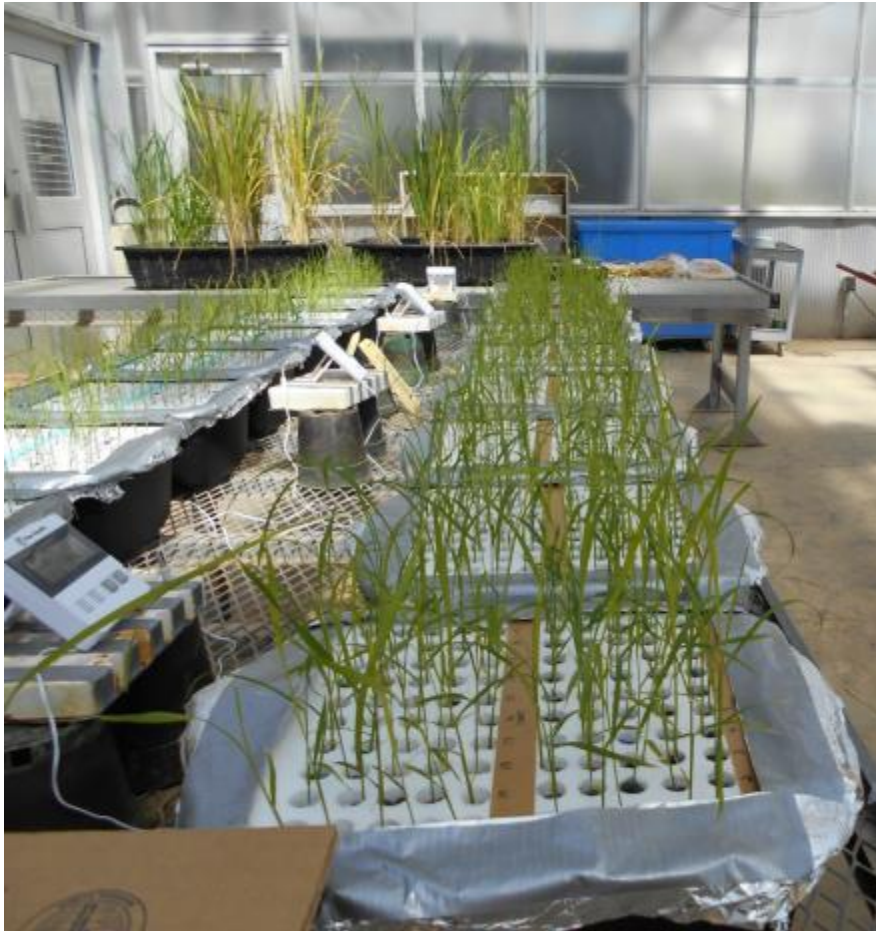
EXAMPLES OF DIVERSE SPECIES OF RICE



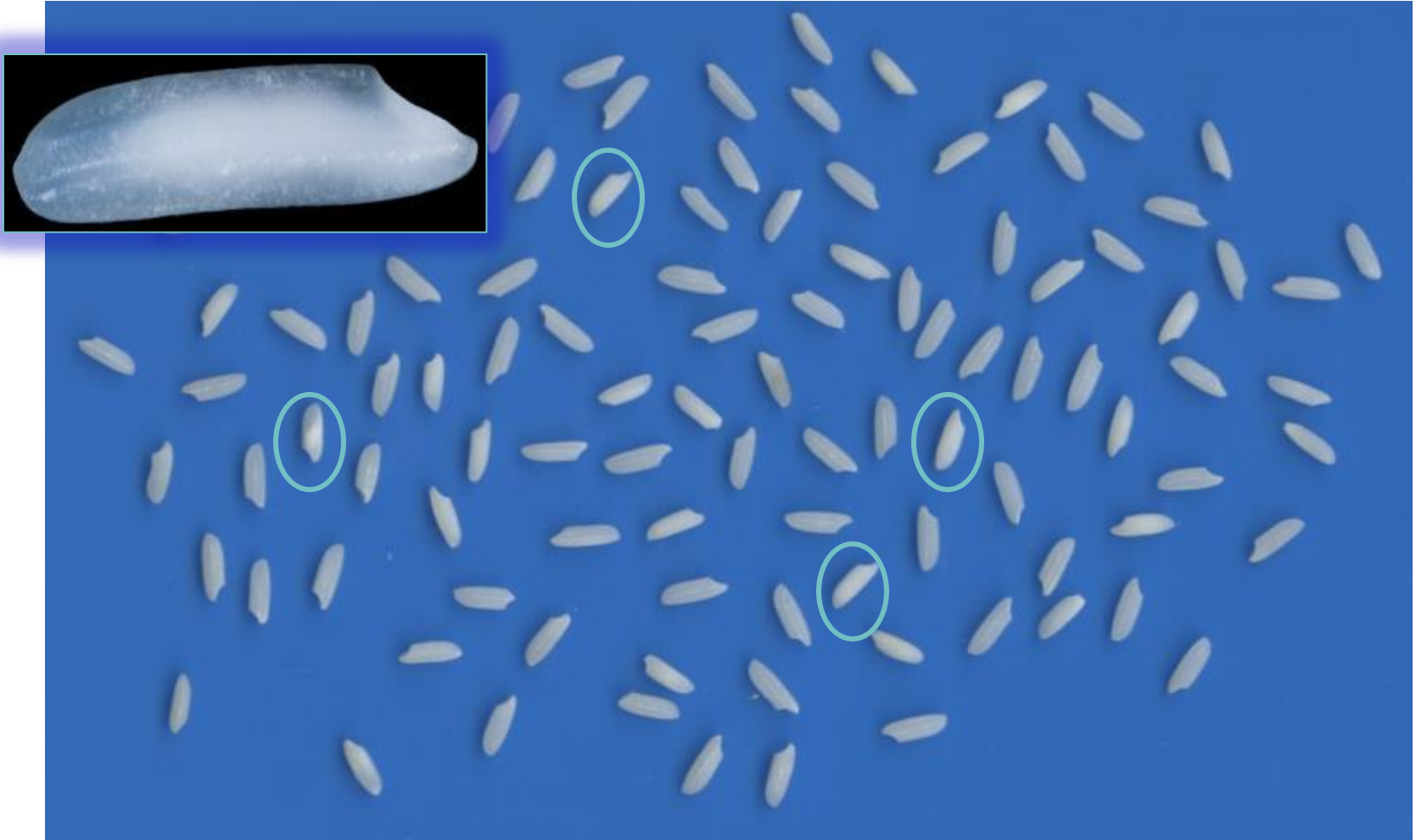
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Rice Cultivars Are Evaluated for Tolerance to Salt Using A Hydroponics System



Rice Grain With Chalky, Opaque Areas Will Break Up During Milling



Identifying rice chromosomes as seen by florescence microscopy

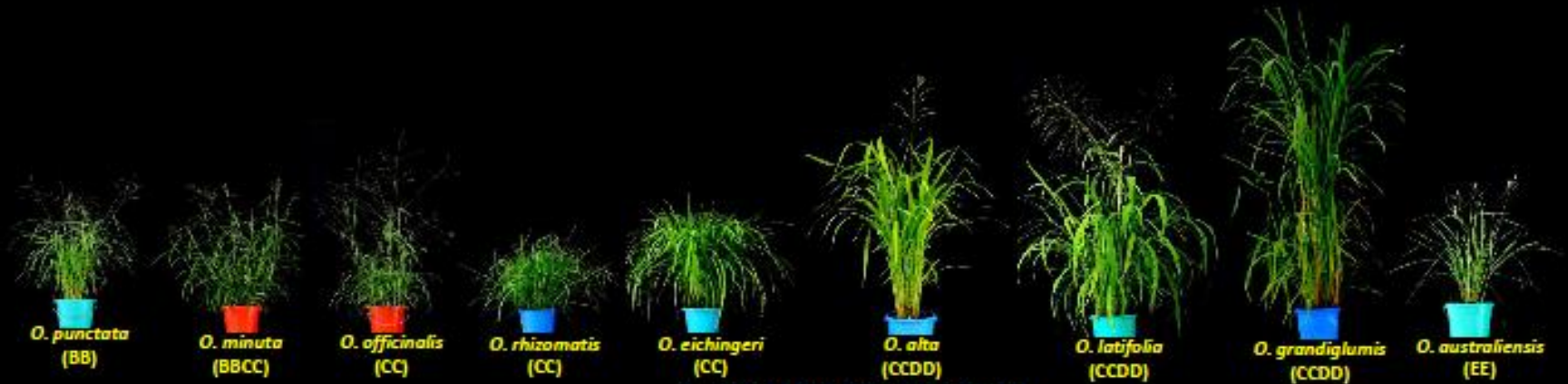


The 24 species found in the genus *Oryza*



Cultivated rice

1. PRIMARY GENE POOL (AA GENOME)

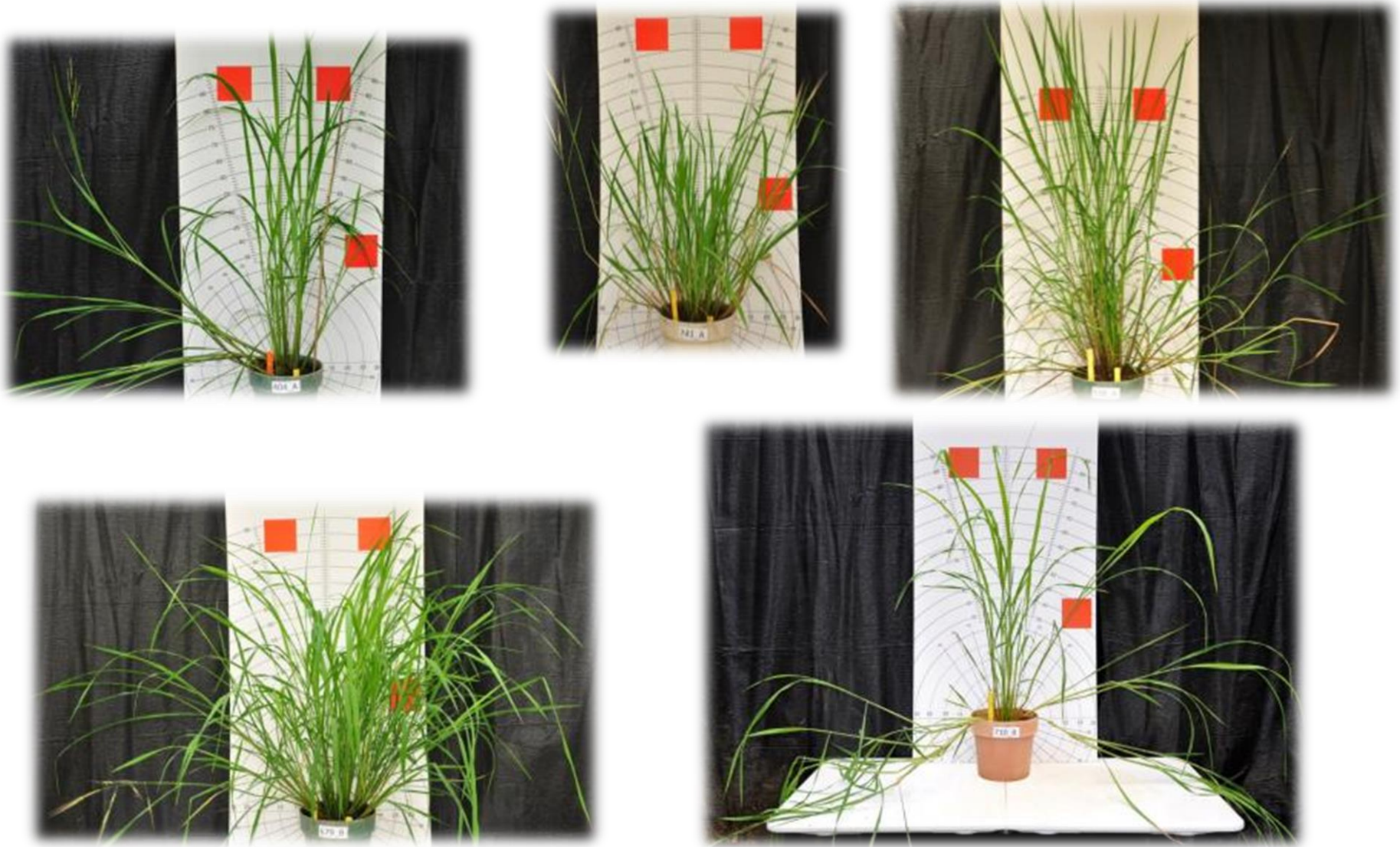


2. SECONDARY GENE POOL



3. TERTIARY GENE POOL

The ancestral rice species, *Oryza nivara* and *Oryza rufipogon*, are the potential source of new (novel) genes for resistance to the most devastating rice diseases, sheath blight and leaf blast.



Evaluating Rice Leaf Blast Disease

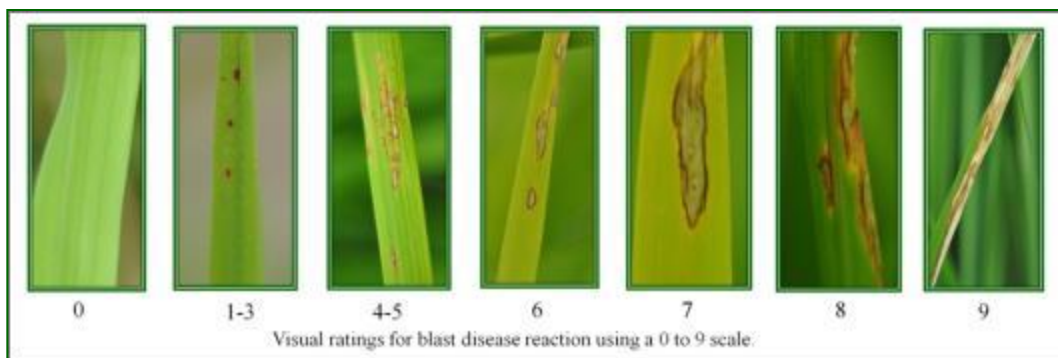
Step 1: Prepare blast fungus (spores) to infect the small rice plants



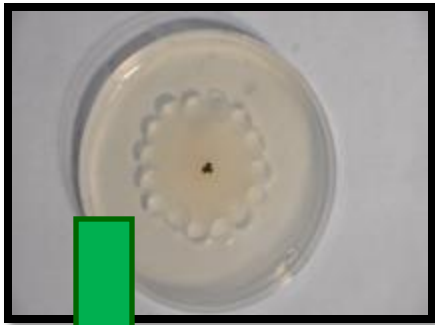
Step 2: Spray blast spores on seedlings with an air brush.



Step 3: Rate the plants for blast disease after 7-10 days using the scale shown below



Evaluating Rice Sheath Blight Disease



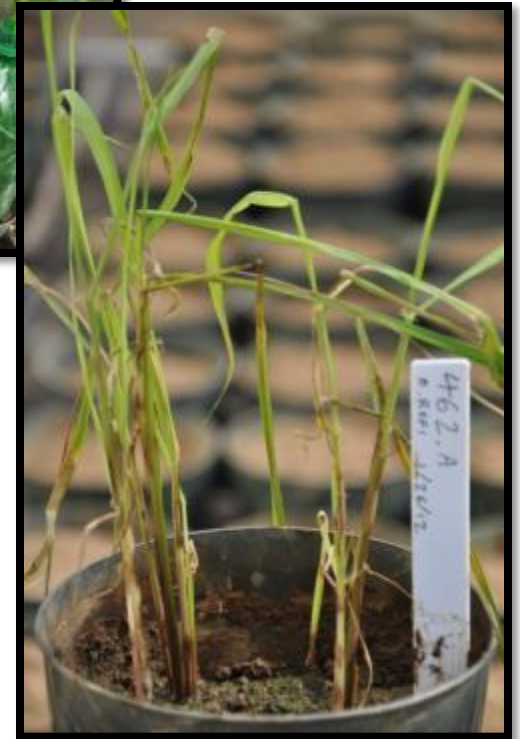
Sheath blight fungus growing in a Petri dish



Step 1: Inoculate seedlings about two weeks after transplanting to soil

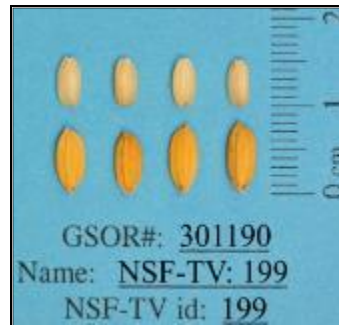


Step 2: Cover seedlings with micro-chamber for 7-10 days so disease develops



Step 3: Rate sheath blight disease. (This is a susceptible accession.)

Variation in the Estrela x NSF-TV 199 mapping population

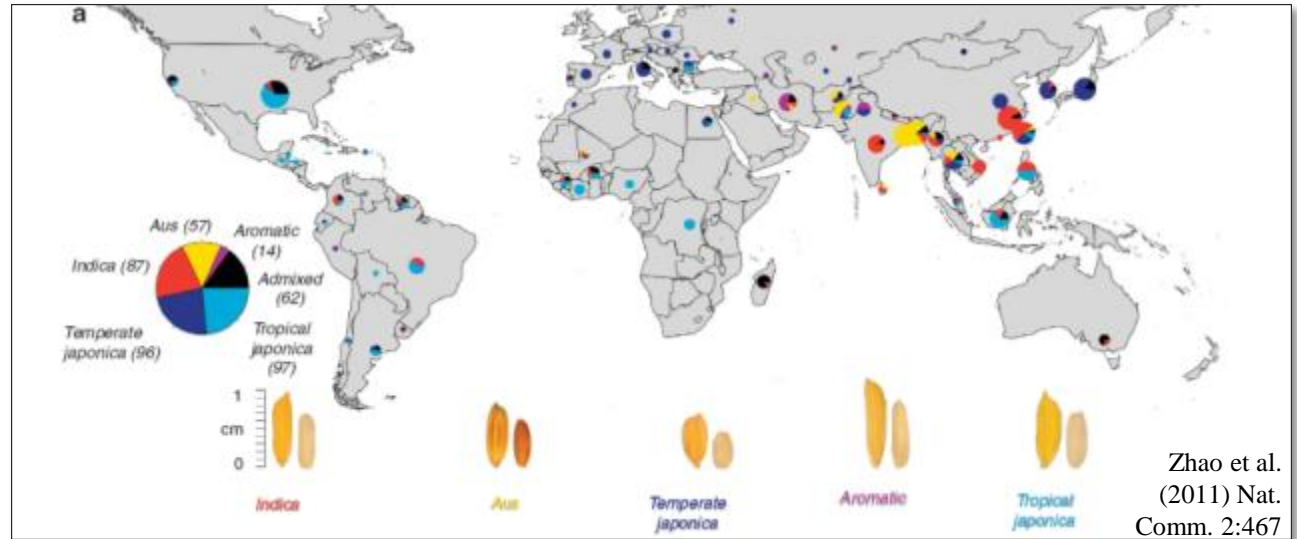


Diversity in field plants



Variation in the Rice Diversity Panel 1

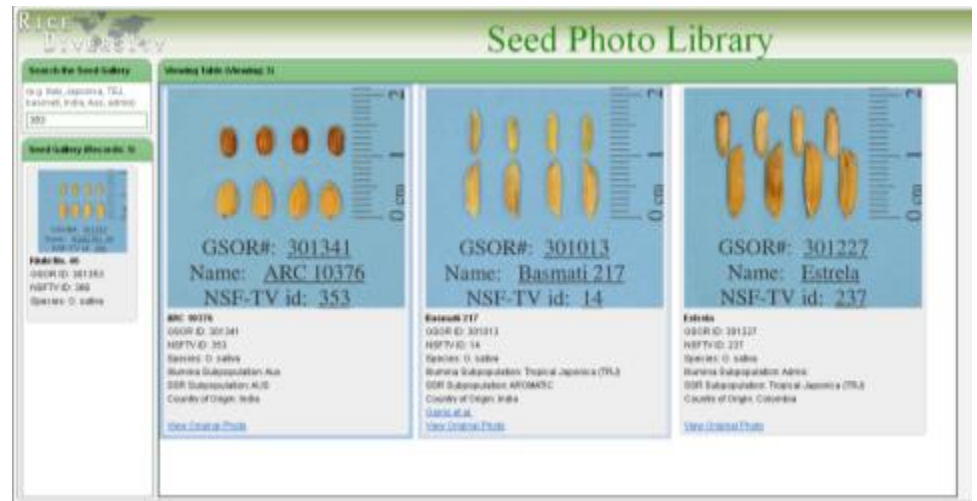
The Rice Diversity Panel 1 is composed of over 400 rice varieties from around the world.



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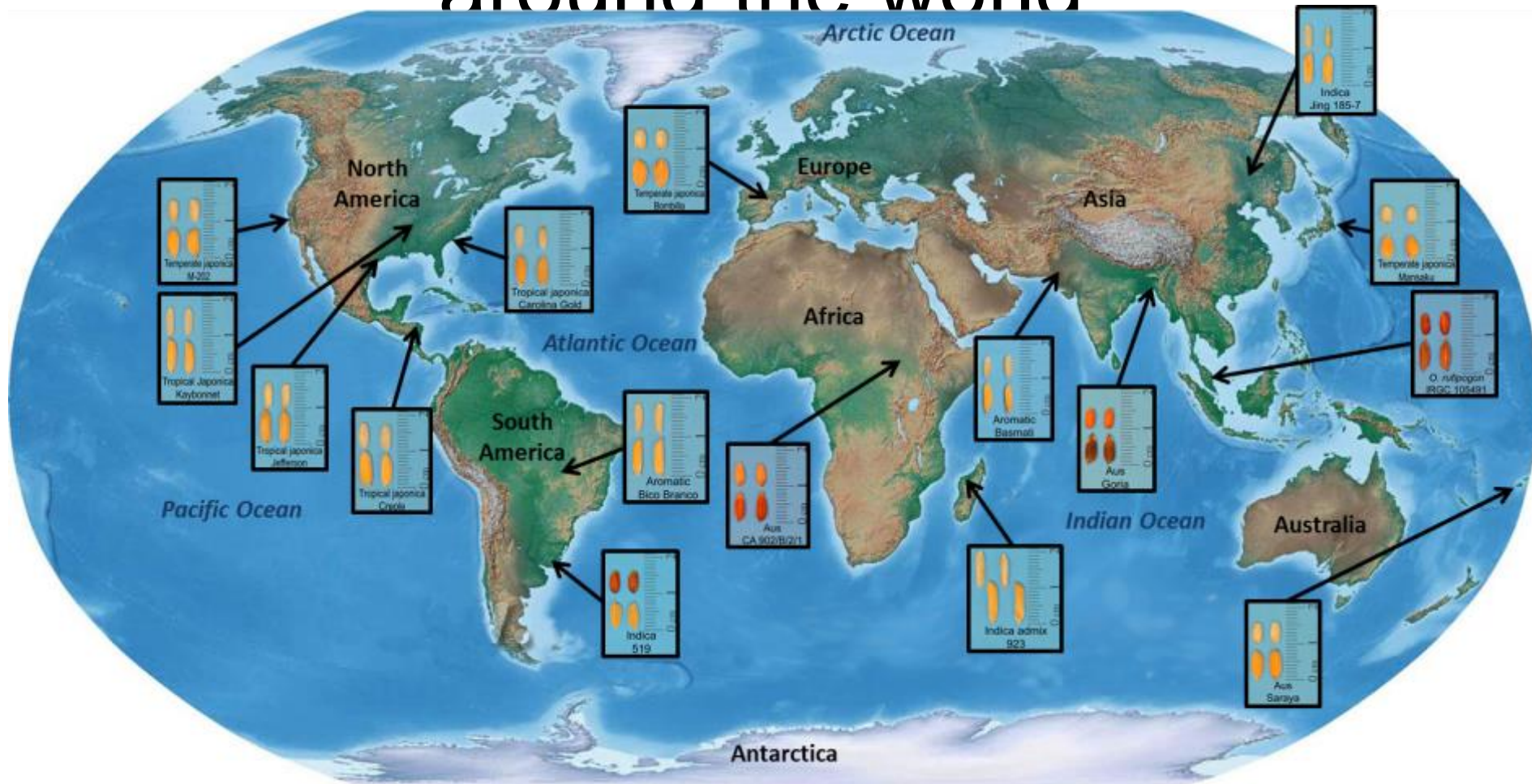


Panicle images of five varieties showing variability in panicle sizes and grain number.



Varieties ARC10376, Basmati 217 and Estrela illustrating the differences in seed.

Variation in rice varieties from around the world



Testing for Cold Tolerance at Germination

